

Important Dates

9 February

Whanau Evening
Starting from 5:30pm

10 February

Events & Activities
Expo - 12:30pm

14 February

'Setting up for Success'
conferences
1pm – 6pm
(Booking required)

15 February

EOTC Starts – Year 7

16 February

Swimming Sports
Pt. Erin Pools

21 February

BOT Meeting @ 6pm

21 February

Central Zone
Girls' Tennis

22 February

EOTC – Year 8

23 February

Central Zone
Boys' Tennis

Principal's Message

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Ponsonby Intermediate School for 2023.

It was great seeing the Year 7 students arriving in the hall, excited about their 'Ponsonby Experience'. And also a big welcome back to our Year 8 students!

This term is organised in such a way to ensure that your child engages in the 'Ponsonby Experience' and can build relationships with staff and students. We are deliberate in the activities we have organised such as EOTC, Market Day and Swimming Sports to ensure your child can get involved in the school culture.

You would have received an email from your child's Form Teacher on the first day. If you have any questions, the Form Teacher is your first port of call.

There are some important dates for Parents and Caregivers coming up:

Whanau Evening – Thursday 9th February 5:30pm

This evening starts at 5:30pm on the outdoor basketball court for an informal catch up with other parents, caregivers and staff.

At 6pm Senior Leadership will speak, then you will head off to meet your child's Form Teacher in their form class. The Form Teacher will talk about the school and some general information about how the school year will look. There will also be the opportunity for form class families to connect and mingle and we will have a small sausage sizzle on offer if anyone is peckish. (Parking on the field)

Events and Activities Expo – Friday 10th February 12:30pm

This event, located in our school hall, is designed to give students and caregivers information about all the events on offer this year. You will

find information about Kapa Haka, Ski teams, Rock bands, and the other “thousands” of experiences we have on offer. (Parking on the field)

‘Setting up For Success’ Conferences – Tuesday 14th February 1pm – 6pm

Included in this newsletter below are the instructions on how to book a time to see your child’s Form Teacher. These instructions were in the email from your child’s Form Teacher earlier this week.

Stationery

Ideally all students would have arrived with all their stationery on the first day. Please visit the school website for the stationery list and a copy of the Parents’ Handbook (link below).

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/enrolment/>

School Costs and Donations

We have included information about the school costs and donation. As you will see in the breakdown these costs cover most things at Ponsonby Intermediate and we very rarely ask you for additional costs. With school aged children myself, I find it frustrating when schools constantly ask for - bus fares, photocopy fees, art club supplies etc. I trust this payment will suit you and your family.

Matt Bennie

Deputy Principal

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'Setting up for Success' Conferences

Bookings can be made at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> using the school code.
Please book with your child's form teacher

Tuesday 14th February – 1:00 – 6:00pm

(Code: pkzns)

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/pkzns>



In order to best support your child please click on the link below to fill out a Google Form with helpful information about your child for their 2023 start at Ponsonby Intermediate.
[Setting Up for Success Form Teacher Conferences 2023](#)

Below are the list of teachers and the form class they teach to make booking easier.

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz

Room 1: Jane Jeon

Room 3: Kristen Rees

Room 6: Christine Cullen

Room 8: Charlotte Stone

Room 9: Becks Spurdle-Fisher

Room 11: Katie Fiddian

Room 12: Lauren Collins

Room 14: Jaimi Athy-Timmins

Room 15: Sione Taupeaafe

Room 16: Kelly Richardson

Room 17: Sam Jardine

Room 18: Sarah Valintine

Room 20: Cobey Bennett

Room 21: Kellie Spencer

Room 22: Angela Lane

Room 23: Penelope Dunn

Room 25: Sarah Howie

Room 26: Andrea Sherrock

Room 28: Katherine Busch
Room 30: Ian Wannamaker

2023 Costs

NB: Subject to review

To maintain the high standard of facilities and the educational opportunities/programmes our school now offers, it is necessary to supplement the grant we receive from the Ministry of Education with specific funding via student costs. The Ministry of Education grant does not provide for any of the 'extras' or 'frills' of the educational programme/resources we provide.

We are very aware of the expenses facing parents/caregivers at the beginning of the school year. We have therefore tried to keep costs as low as possible. We are also aware that schools have a terrible habit of asking for money throughout the year for various reasons and know that this becomes an inconvenience for parents/caregivers.

For 2023 we pledge that the total cost asked for now will cover all costs for the entire year's activities/trips with the exception of the Term 4 Class Camp. However there are additional costs for activities such as – Ski Team, Hockey, Netball, Basketball, ICAS exam etc...

Yes, that is correct! We will not ask for money for trips, fundraising activities, educational excursions etc...

Below is a breakdown of costs. The total amount is \$580.00 for the year or \$145.00 per term.

We thank you for your support and trust this format of payment makes it easier for you.

Activity costs are expenses that all schools would collect at the beginning of the year and for such things as Special Events/Trips, Special Programmes, etc. and throughout the year as events occur.

School Donation is optional although we obviously encourage you to pay this and appreciate it greatly if you do. School Donations can be claimed back on your annual tax return.

Costs and Donations can be paid by Automatic Payment, Credit card, Term by Term or the total for the year

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We offer a 5% discount on the full amount of \$580.00 if paid before the end of March 2020.

Sports and Ed. Outside the Classroom	\$ 50.00
Special Events/Trips (camp not included)	\$ 50.00
Options Modules	\$ 50.00
Printing (including School Magazine)	\$ 40.00
The Arts	\$ 50.00
Internet Levy	\$ 50.00
Transport	\$ 30.00
Technology	\$110.00
Activity Costs	\$430.00
School Donation	\$150.00
Total Per Year	\$580.00

Information sent home

This week the following information will be coming home with your child:

**Tuesday 7th February: *EOTC Medical and Parent help information*
*'Meet the teacher' letter***

Wednesday 8th February: *Cyber Safety and Bullying Prevention and Response form*

Please check their bags if you haven't received this information. You will need to read through these and send back the appropriate forms. Form teachers will be going through each of these with your child, but we encourage you to spend time looking at them together.

We do apologise for the amount of information but it is to ensure that you are aware of how our school is organised right from the start to set the students up to have a successful year.

Education Outside the Classroom (E.O.T.C)

All Year 7 classes will be attending their first EOTC trip on Wednesday 15th February. The Year 8's will be going on their first trip on Wednesday 22nd February. Our 5 trips for 2023 are: Auckland Zoo, Mangere Mountain, Jump, Pt Erin, Clip n' Climb (Year 8 only) and Circability (Year 7 only).

Our EOTC programme focuses on experiences outside the classroom using our School Values (GEMS). The more active and risk taking activities will be happening when the students go on camp in Term 4.

If you are available to help on any of these trips please complete the parent help form. All the information about EOTC and when the trips are will be in your child's Student Planner and the form that they brought home on the first day.

Swimming Sports

Our School Swimming Sports will be held at Point Erin Pools, Thursday 16th February.

Year 7 Classes:

Assemble on the Basketball Court at 8.35am – walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme begins at 9.00am.

Year 7 students will finish the programme at 12:00pm, wait until the Year 8 students have entered the pool and have lunch upon returning to school.

Year 8 Classes:

Assemble on the Basketball Court 11:00am at the end of Interval. Walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme starts at 12:15pm. Finish at 2.30pm and walk back to school.

All students will need:

Togs, Towel, Sweater or Rain jacket, Sunhat, Sunscreen, Lunch and their drink bottle.

Finals will be held in Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. All events are 33 metres in length, apart from 100m Freestyle. There are 2 fun races if time allows. All students are encouraged to enter at least 2 events, and will accumulate House Points.

If your child cannot participate in the Swimming Sports, please make sure you have organised a note that is to be given to the form teacher on the morning of the event.

There is no use of the Point Erin Tuck-Shop, no chewing gum, energy drinks, fizzy drinks, and no glass bottles to be taken. Full programme at the end of this newsletter.

Students' Safety

Pick Up and Drop Off

At the front gate on Clarence Street there are painted yellow lines which indicate that there should be no stopping or parking. These lines are there for safety reasons. We also have a teacher on duty at the gate for safety reasons.

There are alternatives to picking up your child at the front gate at 3:05pm. Firstly, we have a rear car park at the bottom of Sheehan Street where there is far less traffic. Your child could meet you there. Another idea is to avoid the 'rush' altogether, which only ever lasts 10 minutes, and pick your child up 10 – 15 minutes later than usual.

The main car park on Clarence Street cannot be used for picking up or dropping off children.

Student Absence and Lateness

If your child is going to be late to school, we require a note explaining the reason for their lateness. This note can be written in the Student Planner or you can email the form teacher and office office@ponsint.school.nz This system is very important for tracking students and is to ensure students are safe and arriving to school on time. There are a number of important admin tasks that take place during form-time and it is an opportunity for students to see what is happening for the day and what is coming up.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation with reinforcing this system so we can ensure our students are safe and not missing out on any opportunities that Ponsonby has to offer.

If your child is absent, please email the office office@ponsint.school.nz , leave a message on the absence line (09) 376 0096 or report the absence via our school app.

If your child is late to school they must sign in at the office on arrival. Once signed in they receive a late slip, which is given to the classroom teacher.

If we have not been advised that your child will be late or absent and they are not marked on the roll, you will receive a text enquiring about their absence.

Students Leaving Early or Appointments

If your child has an appointment during the day or they are leaving early, please provide a note to the form teacher. Please arrange with your child to meet you in the office and sign them out. If they are returning to school after an appointment they must sign back in at the office.

Auckland Regional Dental Service

The Auckland Regional Dental Service (ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora-operated service, which provides free dental care to children across the greater Auckland areas. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls.

For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required. To find out more information about ARDS, please visit ards.co.nz or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583).

If you **do not** wish for your child's information and your contact details to be shared with ARDS please advise office@ponsint.school.nz by Friday 17th February 2023.

Sports Update

Basketball trials

Basketball registration is quickly approaching and trials will be taking place this week at school, starting with our Year 8's on Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 7 trials will commence next week and will run over into week 4 of the term. Students will need to be reading the daily notices each morning at school to be notified of the trial days and times.

All students will need to return a completed permission slip before they are able to play in a team so please send these back in with your child as soon as possible.

For any other basketball related queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sam Jardine

samj@ponsint.school.nz

Netball Trials

A Netball Information letter has gone out to students expressing an interest to play this season. Students need to return the permission form (signed) by Monday 13th February to attend trials and play.

Netball trials are held at school, on the top courts. Dates/times as follows:

Year 7s - Monday 13th Feb. 12-1:30pm; Monday 20th Feb. 12-1:30pm

Year 8s - Tuesday 14th Feb. 12:30-2:30pm; Wed. 15th Feb. 12-1:30pm

Callback trial - Wednesday 22nd February (times tbc).

Please check the daily notices for reminders and any changes. For any further queries or offers to Coach/Manage a team, please contact Michelle Murray.

michellem@ponsint.school.nz

Hockey Coach

Hockey coaches are needed for Ponsonby's 9 A-side team this season. If you are a parent or senior student keen to coach, please contact Michelle Murray for more information.

michellem@ponsint.school.nz

School TV – Moving to a New School



SPECIAL REPORT

Moving to a new school



Moving to a new school is a big deal! Your child is going to meet lots of new people and be thrown into new situations. That's bound to make them feel lots of different emotions. They may feel worried and anxious, but also excited and happy – all at the same time!

It is considered to be one of the most important transition periods of a student's life and can present some significant psychological challenges for both students and parents.

Making new friends, learning new routines, discovering new environments, accepting new cultures and adjusting to new learning practices is all part of the process. Some children will sail through this period of change, whilst others may need a bit more guidance. It is important to give your child the chance to feel comfortable in their new space. This may take a few months, but ensure you keep the lines of communication open and check in regularly with your child to see how they are settling in.

In this Special Report, parents and care givers will be presented with a number of strategies that can be deployed to help ensure a smooth transition.

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

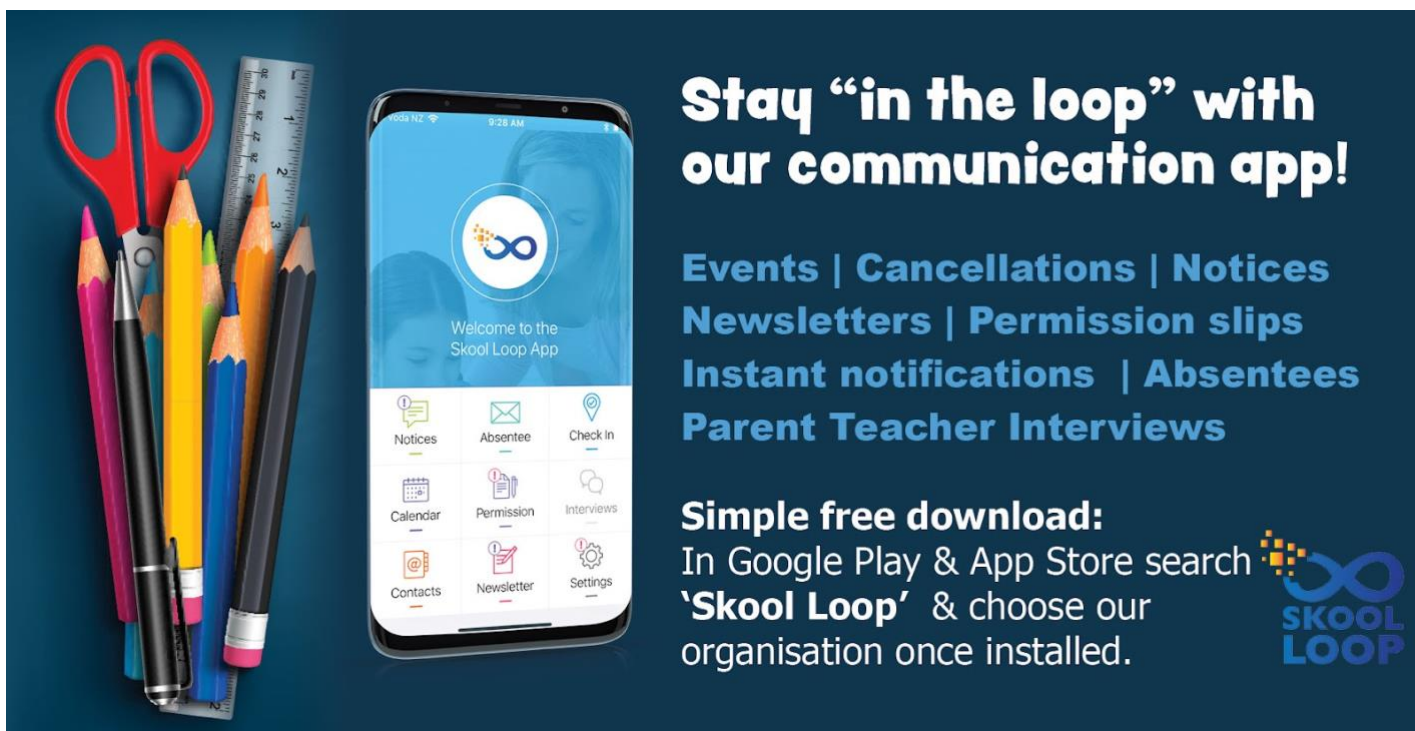
If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/moving-new-school

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:
In Google Play & App Store search **'Skool Loop'** & choose our organisation once installed.



School Hoodie and New Trackpants

You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) and track pants including our new cotton material track pants using the link below (cotton on the left). Ordering for this garment is now open and will close on Friday 17th February.

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 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.

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



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

Ponsonby Intermediate Calendar 2023 - Term 1

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30 Jan Anniversary Day	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb Teacher Only Day
2	6 Feb Waitangi Day	7 Feb School Starts Form class all day	8 Feb Timetable Starts Y7 Tennis Trials	9 Feb Y8 B Ball trials Ponsonby Whanau Night from 5:30pm	10 Feb Ponsonby "Events/activities Expo" at lunch Y7 Tennis Trials
3	13 Feb Table Tennis Club starts Y8 Netball trials Y7 Basketball trials	14 Feb Setting Up for Success Conferences from 1pm Y7 Netball Trials Y8 Basketball Trials	15 Feb EOTC starts (Yr 7) Y8 Netball Trial Y7 Basketball Trial	16 Feb Swimming Sports	17 Feb
4	20 Feb Y7 Netball trials Positively Ponsonby Rep training	21 Feb CZ Tennis - Girls	22 Feb Y8 Netball trial	23 Feb CZ Tennis - Boys Options Starts	24 Feb
5	27 Feb Basketball starts	28 Feb CZ Softball - Boys	1 March Auckland Schools Petanque TBC YEAH Girls Cricket Coaching	2 March CZ Softball - Girls	3 March (Sat.4 March WPolo trials)
6	6 March	7 March Core Conferences CZ Cricket - Boys	8 March Auckland Schools Petanque Save Day YEAH Girls Cricket Coaching	9 March Core Conferences CZ Cricket - Girls Water Polo trials 12:30-2:30pm	10 March
7	13 March	14 March School Photos Netball parent/player Meeting 6pm	15 March YEAH Girls Cricket Coaching	16 March Modular Conferences CZ Swimming	17 March Market Day
8	20 March	21 March CZ Orienteering	22 March YEAH Girls Cricket Coaching	23 March	24 March Ski Parent Mtg.
9	27 March	28 March	29 March Councillors Social/Dance IZ Swimming YEAH Girls Cricket Coaching	30 March	31 March
10	3 April	4 April HPV1 Year 8 immunisations	5 April YEAH Girls Cricket Coaching	6 April	7 April Good Friday