

29 March 2023

Important Dates

30 March

HPV1 Year 8
Immunisations

5 April

Year 8 EOTC

6 April

Showcase from
1:30pm

Last Day of Term 1
3:05pm finish

7 April

GOOD FRIDAY

24 April

Teacher Only Day

25 April

ANZAC Day

26 April

Start of Term 2
EOTC – Year 7
Classes

2 May

CZ Futsal - Boys

3 May

EOTC – Year 8

Kids' Lit Quiz

4 May

CZ Futsal - Girls

Principal's Message

As we get towards the end of term, I'd like to reflect on the 2023 Ponsonby Experience so far.

It has been a few years now since we have been able to run Term 1 as planned, the general goal is to establish strong engagement with the Ponsonby Experience. Parents and whānau have had multiple opportunities to get involved via evenings, events, EOTC and conferences. We also hope you now have a good understanding of the unique Ponsonby Intermediate specialist teaching model. Our teachers are primary trained teachers (except sometimes the PE department) who teach to their passion and expertise. They are absolute professionals in their chosen field and the classrooms are equipped likewise. This teaching model results in high student engagement and excellent academic achievement. We have also been deliberate about an increased focus on student well-being. We know our students are successful in their time here, however, it is also very reassuring when our local secondary schools contact me at this time of year with their announcements of Prefects and Student Leaders.

Thank you for supporting the students in our recent Market Day, the turn out from the community was superb. This year we tried harder than ever to educate students on profit and loss, supply and demand, and basic marketing. After the event I asked our students to reflect on their learning – "What would I have done differently now I know what I know?"

We must recognise the great efforts of Mrs Katie Fiddian and the Councillors for making this event a success.

Now, Mrs Fiddian, Mrs Chrissie Cullen and the Councillors are back at work, organising another three exciting events coming up in Term 2. They are; Talent Quest, School Social and our annual Great House Race. Towards the end of Term 2 we also have the school Production and our Arts Week programme. Some exciting things to come!

Ngā mihi

Nick Wilson

Market Day

We couldn't have been more proud of our students involvement in this year's Market Day. The day ran wonderfully, thanks to our stall holders organisation and the fantastic support of parents, behind the scenes and as shoppers on the day. There was a great range of products and activities on offer and our student participation was at an all-time high with 170 stalls.

Students have spent time reflecting on their day and the success of stalls at the Market. This is a great follow up for their financial literacy learning.











Leadership Opportunities

After the huge success of Market Day, our school councillors spent the afternoon at Wero Whitewater Park in Manukau. This was a great team building experience and a chance for us as a group to discuss our strengths as leaders and make plans for the year ahead. Some more councillor events coming up in Term 2 are The Great House Race, Talent Quest and a School Social.

Last week, 40 Positively Ponsonby Reps from our 20 classes had training sessions with Katie Fiddian and Cherie Bolesworth in preparation for running activities with their form classes. We focused on the importance of using our Positively Ponsonby sessions to help build a positive class environment, and providing our classmates with a range of fun activities to do together. Our Positively Ponsonby leaders took their class through a session on celebrating our individual strengths on Friday. Congratulations to these great leaders in our school.

Our assembly this Friday will see us recognise our new Eco Warrior and Tech Expert Leaders. Many students have expressed interest in these important roles in our

school. There will be an opportunity later in the year for another intake of these leaders, along with Cultural Leaders, Librarians and Sports Leaders.

We hugely value leadership opportunities at our school and we will be inviting our student leadership groups to participate in a leadership focused day in May at Ponsonby, run by 'Burn Bright'. The purpose of this day is to give our leadership groups the skills, confidence and inspiration to understand leadership and how it can be applied at Ponsonby Intermediate.



Sports Update

Central Zone Swimming

Ponsonby Intermediate Swimming Team attended Central Zone Swimming on Thursday 16th March. **Year 7s:** Madison Dettling, Izzy Cole, Maia Martin, Sarah Bannan, Jiyu Kim, Ted Utemov, Fedde Berry, Millen Blijlevens and Xander Ah Loo. **Year 8s:** Evelyn Braverman, Amber L'Ami, Courtney Wainhouse, Chloe Barr, Evie Wood, Emily Clarke, Rhody Rangirangi, Isaac Ross, Ben Young, Toby Cui and Thabo Gonzenbach. It was an exciting meet with swimmers Madison, Ted, Fedde, Courtney, Ben, Toby and Amber making the top 8 to compete in the finals races.

Thanks to Isaac Ross and Ben Young for their account of the swimming event...

We competed in the Central Zone Swimming Competition at Diocesan Aquatic Centre against 11 schools. Marist, St Mary's, Diocesan, Royal Oak, Waikowhai, St Cuthberts, Kowhai, ANI, Balmoral, Waiheke and Remuera. We started off the morning, swimming in our heats. There was 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly & 100m Freestyle. Then, in the afternoon, we competed in the finals. Shout out to, Madison for her awesome strokes, Thabo for his impressive start, Toby for his spectacular breaststroke. Emily and Evie for their Olympic finishes. Shout out to Isaac for his pace in the relay, Courtney for her incredible team spirit, Rhody for his fast freestyle, Amber, Chloe and Evelyn for their consistent stroke style. Ted for his positive attitude. Fedde for his daring swims with no goggles or cap! and Ben for his awesome final. Well done everyone! Finally, thank you to Mrs Lane, Ms Murray and Mr Jardine for all your hard work.

The following swimmers qualified for the Inter Zone Swimming Championship held at West Wave pool on Wednesday 22nd March:

Ben Young - 50m Backstroke, Madison Dettling - 50m Backstroke, Ted Utemov - 50m Breaststroke and Year 7 Boys 200m Freestyle Relay - Ted Utemov, Fedde Berry, Millen Blijlevens and Xander Ah Loo. Thanks to Ponsonby supporters - team manager Mike Ah Loo and Brian Dettling for his expertise as Chief IOT (Inspector of Turns) during the event.



Orienteering

Following on from our success at the Central Zone Orienteering day during Week 8, Ponsonby had two teams and an individual qualify for the Inter-Zone Orienteering day which will be happening next term, May 10th.

Congratulations to our fastest Year 8 boys team, composed of Jacob Sullivan, George Jacobs, Ben Young, Isaac Ross and Thabo Gonzenbach. They will be attending Inter-Zone along with our fastest Year 7 boys team of Dante Lam, Fedde Berry, Sam and Elliot Peters and Ben Molloy, and Laki Pillai. Well done to the above mentioned students.



Athletics success for Christian Blakeman

Christian Blakeman, a Year 7 student in Room 15, represented Auckland in the U11 Athletics team against Counties in the weekend. He had tremendous success, placing 1st in the U11 boys 60m sprint, 3rd in the U11 boys 100m sprint and 2nd in the U11 boys shot put. Congratulations Christian!



School Values – Showing Respect to other People

One of our school values is showing respect to other people. This means we respect their personal space and we keep our hands to ourselves. Staff have reminded students repeatedly about this. We have also put reminders in our daily notices and discussed it at our Friday whole school assemblies. We want to ensure that all students feel safe at school and your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Homework Club

Homework Club will be starting in Term 2 on Wednesday 3 May (Term 2 Week 2) afternoons from 3:10-4:00pm. Homework Club is a quiet place for students to complete homework and be supported where needed. Students will be supervised by teachers at our school.

Permission slips will be available from your child's Form Teacher or the office.

Ponsonby Novels

Next term, both Year 7 and Year 8 will be doing novel studies. Every year, unfortunately, we lose some of our books. Year 8s - can you please check at home if you have any of the books you read last year. They will be stamped with **Ponsonby Intermediate School** on the inside. Thanks, the English Department.

Pencil Cases and Tools for Learning

The holiday is a great time to check that your child has all their Tools for Learning to be set up for success next term. Please check that they have all of the following equipment in their pencil cases. Please note, every child needs their own earphones/headphones in order to maximize their learning time and to decrease our electronic waste.

Tools for Learning:

For all subjects at Ponsonby Intermediate School you are required to bring these items to every lesson:

2 x blue or black ballpoint pens	2 x red ballpoint pens
2 x green pens	2 x pencils
1 x eraser	protractor
compass	1 x 30cm ruler
2 x glue sticks	2 x highlighters
earphones	1 x whiteboard marker

Showcase Invite to Parents and Whānau

Term 1 Showcase is happening on Thursday 6th April, 1.30pm– 3:00pm in the Hall. Classes presenting are Rooms 8, 9, 11, 12 and 21. Students will present items including drama, music, dance and original music videos. All parents are most welcome.

School Hoodie and New Track pants

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 **Thursday 13 April at 9am**.

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.

Please note: Hoodies and Track pants are pre-ordered - orders will be delivered early May.

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



Options – Term 2

Below are the options running in Term 2.

Select your top 5 choices.

Do not select an option you have done before

LINK: [Options Term 2, 2023](#)

<p>Not quite Bob Ross - The joy of painting : Miss Jeon - Room 1</p> <p>Channel your inner artiste! Unleash your creativeness and walk away with a stunning acrylic masterpiece by the end of it all.</p>	<p>Sketch Club: Mrs R Wilson- Room 18</p> <p>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>Touch Typing: Miss Rees: HUB</p> <p>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>Production Band : Mr Curtis- Room 7</p> <p>Preselected</p>
<p>Comic Book Creations: Miss Stone - Room 8</p> <p>Learn how to make your very own comics! You will develop your story writing and illustrating abilities, picking up new skills along the way..</p>	<p>Technology Challenge: Mrs Spurdle - Room 9</p> <p>Do you like hands-on competition? Working as a team? Using simple materials to solve problems? Come along and take part in a team challenge that involves hands-on problem solving, technology, science and mathematics. From building an aircraft that will fly as far as possible to creating a marble roll - our sessions will be full of curiosity, collaboration and fun!</p>
<p>Shoe box board game: Ms Collins - Room 12</p> <p>Get creative and use some sneaky maths skills to design a board game that could fit into a shoe box. You will be planning and making a simple board game that's not been done before. We'll end the term with a games afternoon, playing each other's games.</p>	<p>Rocket Challenge: Miss Athy-Timmins - Room 14</p> <p>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. Please only choose this if you have not done it before. Open to all.</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>Sweet Treats Baking: Miss Richardson - R16 Sweeten up your Thursday afternoons by learning some new recipes and baking some sweet treats such as lolly cake and rocky road. This option is available to YEAR 8s ONLY and is not suitable for students with allergies. You may be required to provide some of your own ingredients</p>
<p>Basketball: Mr Jardine – B/ball court If you like balls and you like baskets, this could be the option for you. All abilities welcome, a few drills done each session before we jump into a game.</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>Crochet: Miss Cooney - Room Enjoy knitting? Well, crocheting is similar to knitting! The only difference is using one needle that has a small hook at the end. Come and create any textile piece using yarn and thread. As well as being a mood lifter, crocheting has proven health benefits as the small repetitive movements involved can keep your hands, arms and fingers pliable and your eyes sharp. How awesome is that? All levels welcomed!</p>	<p>Gymnastics - Mrs Spencer - Room 21: Challenge your physical abilities by learning the art of gymnastics! You will be learning skills such as handstands, cartwheels, bridges, and leaps. Next stop the Olympics!</p>
<p>Cubism on Cubes: Ms Murray: Room 17 Follow in the footpath of the great artists (Picasso anyone??) and become your own cubist artist! Cubes??? Get a new perspective on art..... in Cubism the subject is broken up, analysed and reassembled in an abstracted form. You will choose a subject(ie logo, own picture etc) and re-assemble it in an abstracted form. Instead of depicting it from one view point you will draw your chosen subject from a variety of view-points to show it in a greater context. WOW!</p>	<p>One-point perspective art: Brooke: Room Love art but want to learn a different style? One-point perspective art is all about drawing a person eye to a single point on the paper.</p>
<p>Yoga: Room 24 - Mrs Francis Spend Thursday afternoon relaxing and improving your flexibility. You will learn a yoga sequence that you can use at home, and also work with a partner to create and lead some stretches. No experience required - just comfortable clothes and a positive attitude.</p>	<p>Friendship Bracelets: Mrs Howie - Room 25 What better way to make friends than to make them a bracelet!! Join us on Thursday afternoons to learn how to make different types of friendship bracelets - learn different styles and experiment with different materials.</p>
<p>Paper Quilling : Miss Sherrock - Room 26 Do you love art but want to try something a little different? Why not come along and try your hand at paper quilling. Not sure what it is? Check out the examples in the daily notices.</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>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</p>	<p>Anti-stress: Mr Wannamaker - Back Field Too much going on in your life? Need to chill out? Come to room 30 on a Thursday afternoon to deal with your stressors and discover ways of relaxing -</p>

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.)	both active and passive. We sketch, draw, discuss, be silent, move, meditate, listen to music and learn ways of being more present.
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!	PRODUCTION Core Cast : Mrs Cullen, Mrs Fiddian (Preselected)

Ponsonby Intermediate Calendar 2023

Term 2

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	24 April Teacher Only Day	25 April ANZAC DAY	26 April EOTC	27 April	28 April
2	1 May	2 May CZ Futsal – Boys	3 May EOTC Kids Lit Quiz	4 May CZ Futsal – Girls	5 May Great House Race
3	8 May CZ Water Polo	9 May	10 May	11 May School Social	12 May
4 Careers Week	15 May	16 May Auckland Writers' Festival CZ Football Year 7 Girls	17 May Burn Bright - Leadership workshop Ski/Snowboard training starts at Snowplanet	18 May CZ Football Year 8 Girls Talent Quest P. 5&6	19 May Pink Shirt Day
5	22 May	23 May CZ Football Year 8 Boys	24 May	25 May Production Rehearsal Day CZ Football Year 7 Boys	26 May
6	29 May	30 May	31 May Modular Conferences 3:30 - 8pm	1 June Netball 4pm – 7pm	2 June
7	5 June King's Birthday	6 June Production Rehearsal Day	7 June	8 June Netball 4pm – 7pm	9 June
8	12 June CZ Hockey – Boys	13 June CZ Hockey – Girls	14 June Boostrix Year 7	15 June Netball 4pm – 7pm CZ Table Tennis	16 June 40 Hour Famine weekend

9 Arts Week	19 June Showcase	20 June	21 June	22 June Netball 4pm – 7pm	23 June
10 Production Week	26 June	27 June Matinee Show Evening Show	28 June Matinee Show Evening Show	29 June Netball 4pm – 7pm Evening Show	30 June

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 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.

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 and support each other inside and outside the classroom.

Our Values are GEMS