

3 May 2023

Important Dates

3 May

EOTC – Year 8
Classes

Kids' Lit Quiz

4 May

CZ Futsal – Girls

5 May

Great House Race

8 May

Central Zone Water
Polo

9 May

Open Morning

10 May

Revolution Tour
1:30 – 2:15pm

15- 19 May

Careers Week

16 May

Auckland Writers'
Festival
CZ Year 7 Girls
Football
BoT Meeting – 6pm

17 May

Burn Bright
Leadership
Workshop

18 May

Talent Quest Finals
CZ Year 8 Girls
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 that students will 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 number 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 given day.

I want the students to be busy and engaged. 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!

Ngā mihi

Nick Wilson
Principal

Camps 2023

The whole school will attend various camps in **Term 4 Week 1 (Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th October)**. Today, your child was informed of where they are going for camp and which classes they are attending camp with - outlined below. More information regarding camp such as parent help and medical forms will be sent home later this term.

Until then, if you would like to help out on camp, save the dates above and let the form teacher know once the forms have been sent home.

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 **15th September**.

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

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

Year 7 Camps	Year 8 Camps
<p><u>Peter Snell</u> Sarah Howie 25 Sione Taupeaafe 15 Andrea Sherrock 26</p> <p><u>Shakespeare Lodge</u> Katherine Busch 28 Kelly Richardson 16 Andy Wilson</p> <p><u>Chosen Valley</u> Katie Fiddian 11 Becks Spurdle – Fisher 9 Charlotte Stone - 8</p> <p><u>Willow Park</u> Michelle Murray Kristen Rees 3 Jane Jeon 1</p>	<p><u>Camp Bentzon</u> Penelope Dunn 23 Chrissie Cullen 6 Sam Jardine 17</p> <p><u>Carey Park</u> Kellie Spencer 21 Cobey Bennett 20 Lorna Cooney 20 Lauren Collins 12 Jaimi Athy-Timmins 14 Cherie Bolesworth</p> <p><u>Marsden Bay</u> Sarah Valintine 18 Ian Wannamaker 30 Angela Lane 22 Paul Curtis</p>

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.

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Pencil Cases and Tools for Learning - repeat notice

The holiday was a great time to check that your child has all their tools for learning to be set up for success this 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 maximise 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 green pens
1 x eraser
compass
2 x glue sticks
earphones

2 x red ballpoint pens
2 x pencils
protractor
1 x 30cm ruler
2 x highlighters
1 x whiteboard marker

Talent Quest Invite

Auditions are currently being held for Ponsonby Intermediate's annual Ponsonby's Got Talent. From over 30 acts, about 12 will be selected to perform in the Finals Performance on Thursday 18th May in the school hall, commencing 1.30pm. All whānau are encouraged to come along and support our wonderful performers.

The Great House Race

We have our Great House Race this Friday 5th May. Parents are more than welcome to come along and can sit along the road wall where you can get a great view of the action. All students will be involved and each class will race in their houses.

Fingers crossed for great weather and reminder to bring your house spirit!
Good luck to all the houses!

11am - 12:30pm - Year 7 Race

1:30pm - 3pm - Year 8 Race

Save day if it is postponed will be the following Friday 12th May.

Careers Week

In Week 4 (15 - 19 May), 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 careers.

Sports Update

Crankworx Mountain Biking competition - by Walt McBride

From the 18th to the 25th of March I went down to Rotorua for an international mountain biking competition, Crankworx.

Crankworx has 7 main events, including downhill racing, pump track, dual slalom and the freestyle events called Slopestyle, Speed & Style and Whip Off. Every year, professional athletes from around the world come to NZ to compete in Crankworx at these events.

Most of these events are for “pros” only, but there are a few events that I can compete in, in my age group. I entered three events, Invitational Air DH, Pump track and Dual Slalom.

Air DH is a race where one rider drops into the trail and goes as fast as possible down the trail, the fastest time wins. It starts when you enter and ends when you get to the finish line. I had a time transmitter on my bike so they could tell what time I got. I ended up getting third place for my age category.

Next up was dual slalom the same day as Air DH. This is where two riders go down a track racing against each other with the same course. You start off with a qualifying run which decides who you verse, if you lose you get eliminated. You get two runs on both left and right sides of the track. I ended up crashing and finishing 6th place.

Pump track was on Saturday morning. It is similar to Dual Slalom in the way that you race against each other. You start on a high platform and you are not allowed to pedal for the entire race, you have to pump your way over the rollers and jumps. I ended up coming 3rd after an unlucky crash in the semi-finals which put me into semi-finals for 3rd and 4th and got 3rd.

I ended up leaving Crankworks with two bronze medals and a few prizes. On the last day I was riding with my friends and I crashed really badly and broke my collarbone.



Production Update

Rehearsals have commenced and the teachers are blown away by the amount of talent at Ponsonby Intermediate.

We are on the lookout for an old fashioned free standing wardrobe for the production. If you have one that you would like to either donate or make available for us to purchase, please let us know.

ICAS

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 – ELI254**
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 Portal, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

You will need to complete the signup before the 31st July 2023.

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

Pacific Language Weeks

Ponsonby Intermediate looks forward to celebrating Pacific Language Weeks this year, and we would love to invite you to be part of the celebrations. If you would like to come in and share your culture with your child's class, or you have connections to community groups that might like to perform, please contact Holly Francis so that we can start planning to make these weeks special for all of our students. (hollyf@ponsint.school.nz)



The poster features the title 'PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS 2023' in large, bold letters, with '20' and '23' in yellow and 'LANGUAGE' and 'WEEKS' in white. A decorative grid of 'x' marks is to the right of '20'. Below the title is a list of language weeks, each with a unique icon and dates. At the bottom, there is a slogan 'REVITALISE AND SUSTAIN PACIFIC LANGUAGES' and the logo for the Ministry for Pacific Peoples.

Language Week	Icon	Dates
Fäeag Rotuam Rotuman Language Week	Yellow sunburst	May 7 - May 13
Gagana Samoa Samoa Language Week	Blue geometric pattern	May 28 - June 3
Te Tae Tae Ni Kiribati Kiribati Language Week	Yellow flower	July 9 - July 15
Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani Cook Islands Language Week	Blue geometric pattern	Jul 30 - Aug 5
Lea Faka-Tonga Tonga Language Week	Blue geometric pattern	Sept 3 - Sept 9
Te Gana Tuvalu Tuvalu Language Week	Yellow geometric pattern	Oct 1 - Oct 7
Vosa Vakaviti Fijian Language Week	Blue geometric pattern	Oct 8 - Oct 14
Vagahau Niue Niue Language Week	Purple sunburst	Oct 15 - Oct 21
Te Gagana Tokelau Tokelau Language Week	Blue geometric pattern	Oct 22 - Oct 28

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PACIFIC LANGUAGES

Ministry for Pacific Peoples

Homework Club – repeat notice

Homework club will be starting in on **Wednesday 3 May** (Term 2 Week 2) **afternoons from 3.10pm-4.00pm.**

This will be a quiet place to complete homework and be supported with some of their homework where needed. Students will be supervised by teachers at our school.

Permission slips will be available from your child's form teacher or the front office.

Social Event

This term the councillors will be organising our first school social for the year. This has been postponed from a date noted in earlier newsletters. The social is a school dance for Year 7 and 8's on **Wednesday 24th May from 6pm - 8:30pm** in our school hall. The theme and further details will be announced in assembly and in future newsletters.

Ponsonby Novels - repeat notice

This 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.

Suitable footwear at school

During PE, Kori, Recreation and trips outside of school, we encourage covered sports shoes that are suitable for physical activity and walking on uneven surfaces. Footwear like slides, crocs and jandals are often a hazard to wear when doing these activities. Could you please remind your child to wear shoes that are safe and suitable for the physical and practical activities that they participate in at school.

Ponsonby Intermediate Calendar 2023

Term 2

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	24 April Teacher Only Day Curriculum Refresh	25 April ANZAC DAY	26 April EOTC - Year 7	27 April	28 April
2	1 May Team Meetings	2 May CZ Futsal – Boys Leadership Meeting Camp Leaders’ Meeting	3 May EOTC - Year 8 Kids’ Lit Quiz	4 May CZ Futsal – Girls	5 May Great House Race
3	8 May Staff Meeting CZ Water Polo	9 May Open Morning	10 May Revolution Tour 1:30pm – 2:15pm	11 May	12 May Great house race save day
4 Careers Week	15 May Team Meetings	16 May Auckland Writers’ Festival CZ Football – Year 7 Girls BOT Meeting 6pm Learning Centre Open Morning	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 Staff Meeting Councillor Visits to Primary schools	23 May CZ Football – Year 8 Boys Leadership Meeting	24 May School Dance Social 6 - 8:30pm	25 May CZ Football - Year 7 Boys Production Rehearsal Day	26 May
6	29 May Hauora Survey week	30 May Leadership Meeting	31 May CZ Rugby Day - All grades Modular Conferences	1 June Netball 4pm – 7pm Open Morning	2 June Kahui Ako Staff Only Day
7	5 June KING’S BIRTHDAY	6 June Open Morning Production Rehearsal Day	7 June Open Morning	8 June Netball 4pm – 7pm	9 June
8	12 June Staff Meeting CZ Hockey – Boys	13 June Leadership Meeting CZ Hockey – Girls BOT Reports due	14 June	15 June Tamariki Day @ WSC CZ Table Tennis Netball 4pm – 7pm	16 June 40 Hour Famine, weekend
9 Arts Week	19 June Report Comments due Staff Meeting - Reports Showcase @ 1:30pm	20 June BOT Meeting 6pm	21 June	22 June Netball 4pm – 7pm	23 June Report changes made
10 Production Week	26 June Staff Meeting – Mid Year review, Round up Report Data Due	27 June Leadership Meeting Matinee Show Evening Show Y7 Immunisations - Boostrix	28 June Matinee Show Evening Show	29 June Netball 4pm – 7pm Evening Show	30 June



Register for your
Open Day Tour

Email today: office@ponsint.school.nz

Term 2

**Open Mornings – Tuesday 9 May, Thursday 1 June
Tuesday 6 June, Wednesday 7 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 25 July

Open Evening – Wednesday 26 July

6:00pm - Tours of the School in action
6:45pm - Principals address in the Hall

Open Morning – Tuesday 15 August

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

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Articulate, energised

achievers, ready for the future.

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.

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.

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