

Important Dates

29 June

PRODUCTION
Evening Show – 7pm

30 June

Last Day of Term
School reports out by
email

17 July

Start of Term 3

26 July

Open Morning

25 July

Burn Bright Leadership
Workshop

25 July

Open Evening @ 6pm

31 July – 4 August

Roadshow Week
4 August

1 August

Boostrix
Immunisations
Year 7

8 August

Parent Camp Meeting
@ 6pm

11 August

Ponsonby
Cross Country

15 August

Open Morning

Principal's Message

Back at the start of May I promised that in Term 2 you would see the academic curriculum, arts and sports flourish.

How did we get on...?

Our achievement data is already close to hitting targets, with 85% of students at or above expectation. So, what I'm interested in is where the end-of-year data is heading, as we have sound student engagement, stable staffing and well planned routines.

Our sports results have also been phenomenal with Ponsonby leading all Central Zone schools on combined (across all codes) points.

And the Arts - I trust you enjoyed the school Production this week. What a fabulous opportunity for these young students enjoying their Ponsonby Experience, truly "living their story". Chrissie Cullen and Katie Fiddian were able to get the students to assemble their ideas into a fantastic show for all.

Paul Curtis and the band alongside Sarah Valintine's work with the choir combined sensationally. Behind the scenes we had Kristen Rees and Cobey Bennett making sure costume and mic changes happened on time, props were in the correct place and slideshows on cue.

All the Ponsonby staff contributed in some way, while still running their classroom programmes and writing school reports. I'm glad the teachers accepted the latest pay and conditions deal, they deserve it!

We have a great team here. Enjoy the holidays and stay safe.

Ngā mihi

Nick Wilson
Principal

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Production

We have had a wonderful production week with our talented students. They have worked so hard in the lead up to this week and we are so excited for tonight's big finish.

You can still get tickets for the "Live Your Story" closing night through iTicket.

Here are a few sneak peaks at what the week has looked like in our theatre. We will have more for you to see, Week 1 next term.









Sports Update

Water Polo

Sharks and Marlins water polo teams participated in the Winterfest 3-day tournament over the weekend of 23th - 25th June. The annual event is open to all Year 7 and 8 schools' teams from all over NZ. **The Sharks team** placed in the top 8 of B grade, won 4 games and lost two overall. Their final game of the tournament vs St Kentigerns B for 5th/6th place, Sharks won the game to place 5th in their grade. Top effort by players Lucy Britten, Millar Ashley, Amber L'Ami, Emily Clark, Gus Mount, Hugo Dixon, Flynn Grocott, Chloe Barr, Iris Fahey, Evie Wood and Grace Paranihi.



The Marlins team placed 13th out of 16 teams; won two games, drew one and lost three. The competition in Grade C was fierce and the Marlins gave it everything - lifting their game against some very strong teams. Players showed great team spirit, worked well together in the pool, and all enjoyed the tournament. Awesome teamwork - Charlie Evans, Zach Compton, Alice Barton, Lucie Klein, Billie Hannah, Max Hannah, Jack Coop, Millen Blijlevens, Chuck Luo and Luis Clark.

Central Zone Hockey

Year 7 and 8 Boys

On 12th June the 11 a-side boys hockey team participated in the CZ Hockey tournament at the National Hockey Stadium on the North Shore. It was an exciting pool round with wins against Mt Roskill 2-0, ANI on penalty corners and Waikowhai 1-0. The quarter final game v Kowhai was a close tie game but with a win on penalty corners and overall points. Ponsonby boys were really excited to make the top four considering the team was made up of hockey and football players, with great skills. The team played confidently to win the semi-finals against Ficino 1-0 with an amazing strike at goal by Blake and moved onto the final v Remuera playing a strong defensive game to contain the score to a 2-0 loss. Top effort to place 2nd overall - Max McLean, Rudra Patel, Stan Martin, Gus Mount, Noah Ogilvie, Ollie Grace, Thabo Gonzenbach, Robbie Mitchell, Blake Strang, Spencer Strang, George Jacobs, Charlie Durey and Cooper Wells for his amazing goalkeeping. Good luck for the Interzone Hockey tournament coming up in Term 3 on Wednesday 2nd August.



Year 7, 8 Girls

On Tuesday 13th of June the girls 11 a-side hockey team participated in the Central Zone tournament. In our first game we played Remuera and drew nil all, then ANI was an extremely close game and in the last couple of minutes they got a lucky goal. Saint Mary's and Marist games we tied nil all but had a slight heads up from 3 penalty corners. We beat Mt Roskill 5-0 and it definitely boosted our confidence levels. Our very last game was against Pasadena and we won 2-0, ending our day with another win. We were all pretty hot and proud that we only let 1 goal in throughout the whole day. We ended the day 9th overall. Thanks to Emily for some amazing stick work and awesome hits, Connie and Amy for awesome defence and great tackles, Blanca, and Olive for some super midfield work and amazing runs. Thanks to Lucie, Grace and Maisie for their stick down defence, Zara for her super-duper runs, and great defence, Daisy and Eesha for great allrounder play and lastly to Greta (injured) for coming to support us. Thank you to all the parent helpers and Ms. Murray for making this day happen. Congratulations from team manager Katie Noble to the players, who showed both their talent and skill for hockey and also some fabulous sportsmanship!

Review by Daisy Brinsden, Lucie Klein and Saffron Spiller.



Year 7 Girls Football

The Year 7 girls football team participated in the Central Zone tournament a few weeks ago, held at Seymour Park. We had an enthusiastic team of 11 talented girls; Jade, Nikita, Greta, Chloe, Lily, Blanca, Sailor, Maddie, Zadie, Alana and Iva. The girls showed great teamwork and played with positivity and confidence. Their awesome skill was reflected when they walked away with only 1 goal conceded throughout the whole tournament! Incredible effort from all players.



Year 7 Boys CZ Football

The Year 7 boys went out to Bill McKinley Park in Mount Wellington to play in the Central Zone competition a few weeks ago. It had been rescheduled twice and the boys finally got their chance to play! Ponsonby Intermediate took away a full squad of 14 players, including Connor Ruane, Flynn McGregor, Zach Compton, Dante Lam, Lachlan Reynolds, Hugh McGeorge, Fedde Berry, Ali Makame, Sam Peters, Noah Chileshe, Blake Cosgrove, Frank Crosbie, Sam Graydon, Jimmy Walker. The boys played very well, showing great sportsmanship and teamwork. We finished pool play unbeaten and secured top spot heading into the semi-finals. We had a controversial loss to ANI going down 1-0. After our game the other semi-final game between Kowhai and Remuera went into penalties. We played Kowhai in the 3rd vs 4th placing game. Dante scored in the first half but Kowhai scored late in the second half to equalize. We drew the game and finished 3rd equal. Mr. Taranchokov and Mr. Wannamaker would like to thank the team and the parent helpers who assisted with getting the group to and from the venue.

Basketball

Well done to all Year 8 students on the completion of their first semester of basketball for 2023. We had 8 Year 8 teams competing over Terms 1 and 2 in the weekly Monday night Harbour Basketball competition with some fantastic results. Ponsonby ended up doing so well we even got a special mention on the Harbour Basketball facebook page!

A massive thank you must go out to all of our parent supporters with special mention to the team coaches and managers. It is not possible to have so many students participating without your assistance.

Bucks	BL4	1st
Bulls	BL7	2nd
Cavs	BL12	2nd
Raptors	B Div 2D	1st
Celtics	B Div 2G	3rd
Sparks	GL2	7th
Mystics	GL3	2nd
Phoenix	GL4	2nd

Our next semester of basketball commences Monday week 5 Term 3 and the Year 8's will be joined by our 8 Year 7 teams for a grand total of 16 school teams.

I will be in touch with all teams early next term to ensure they have the information they need for the next season.

Thank you again to all our helpers, here's to a great semester 2 of basketball in Terms 3 and 4.









Netball

Ponsonby Intermediate Year 7 netball players from teams 7/1 and 7/2 combined to compete in the Intermediate Junior College Midseason Tournament held at Netball North Harbour Centre on Sunday 11 June. It couldn't have been a more perfect day for playing netball with the team having 2 wins, 2 losses, and playing some very close scoring games. Great to see these players having opportunities to experience tournaments - Ivanna Marin Linarez, Iva Bernard, Flora Faleafa, Tiare Mau'u, London Samania-Tuioti, Madison Dettling, Maia Martin, Harriet Sinclair, Greta Beuth.



Ponsonby netball teams - Final Grades for NNH competition after Grading rounds

Year 8s: Grade 1: 8/1, Grade 4; 8/2, Grade 6: 8/3, Grade 8: 8/4, Grade 10: 8/5

Year 7s: Grade 2: 7/1, Grade 3: 7/2, Grade 7: 7/3, Grade 7: 7/4, Grade 10: 7/5, Grade 11: 7/6

The Central Zone Girls Netball tournament is coming up in term 3, Friday 11 August.

School Reports

On Friday the mid-year reports will be sent out via email. If your child has only been attending Ponsonby Intermediate for a short time you will receive a letter via email on the same day. Take the opportunity to celebrate with your child the amazing effort and results they have achieved. In Term 3 the reporting process continues with Student Led Conferences and in Term 4 students receive an end of year written report.

Term 3 Health Programme

Starting Term 3, Health lessons will focus on Relationships, Puberty and Body Systems. Updated resources - Navigating The Journey and Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) Years 1 - 8: A Guide for Teachers, Leaders and BOT's align well to assist with the delivery of this programme. The learning outcomes for this unit will enable students to work towards achievement of *Health and Physical Education* guidelines mentioned in the *New Zealand Curriculum*. This unit reinforces what the Year 8 students learnt last year, in more depth and will introduce key concepts to Year 7 students.

Students will learn about:

- Establishing a positive, inclusive Learning Environment.
- Who am I? Respect for self and others.
- Relationships: Relationships and their qualities; Gender Identity.
- Growing and Changing: The physical, mental and emotional, social, and spiritual growth, and development that occurs and the new needs that arise during puberty.
- Decision Making: Strategies to manage the changes students will experience.
- Staying safe: Support people.
- The Body Systems

If you wish for your child to be withdrawn from the Health class while a specific activity is being taught, please make this known by email to the Principal Nick Wilson nickw@ponsint.school.nz before Monday 17 July, 2023.

SchoolTV – Social Media Influencers



SPECIAL REPORT

Social Media Influencers



Social media influencers have become powerful individuals who often shape the opinions and beliefs of others due to strong connections with their audiences. In today's fast-paced digital world, attention has become a valuable commodity.

However, the impact of social media influencers on youth mental health is a growing concern, most recently, the controversial actions and statements of Andrew Tate. His rise to fame has made him a polarising figure, amassing a significant following of mostly young males. Educators and families have raised urgent concerns about the damaging nature of Tate's content, worried that his messages may radicalise students and create a generation of young men with regressive and harmful beliefs.

Young people often compare themselves to the idealised lives presented by influencers, leading to feelings of inadequacy, low self-worth and dissatisfaction. Social media algorithms may also expose them to inappropriate or harmful content such as explicit material, promotion of harmful behaviours, or distorted perceptions of body image or mental health. It is important to guide a young person's social media use and promote open communication. Be curious to comprehend why they might be drawn to radical influencers, like Andrew Tate, and actively seek understanding as part of the solution. While not all influencers have a negative impact, parents play a vital role in ensuring a balanced approach to social media. By actively modelling kindness, respect and positive values, parents can help tackle the sway of radical influencers and be part of the solution to countering unhealthy masculinity.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to respond to misinformation and disinformation, instead encouraging critical thinking and emphasising the value of real-life connections.

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-social-media-influencers-nz

Arts Week – Round up

Last week the students were put into new classes and learnt about Art all week. They were lucky enough to learn about 9 different artists/art forms including Banksy, Watercolour painting, Digital art and Japanese art. Hopefully you saw some of this art come home last week and you were able to celebrate this with your child/children. The students enjoyed making new connections with other students whilst in their new form classes. Also during the week we were lucky enough to have the 6 Rock Bands perform a show for the school. On Friday afternoon we finished with a special guest speaker, Brad Smeele, who taught us all about resilience and 'Owning It'.

Check out tomorrow's PPTV to see the highlights from Arts week and the Production.



International Languages Week

Ponsonby Intermediate celebrated International Languages Week with a series of language experiences during lunch break. Some brave volunteers offered to teach their home language, and prepared interesting lessons and games for students to experience. It was wonderful to see the students' pride in their heritage language and home country! Thank-you to all of the students who attended, and a huge thank-you to our volunteer teachers:

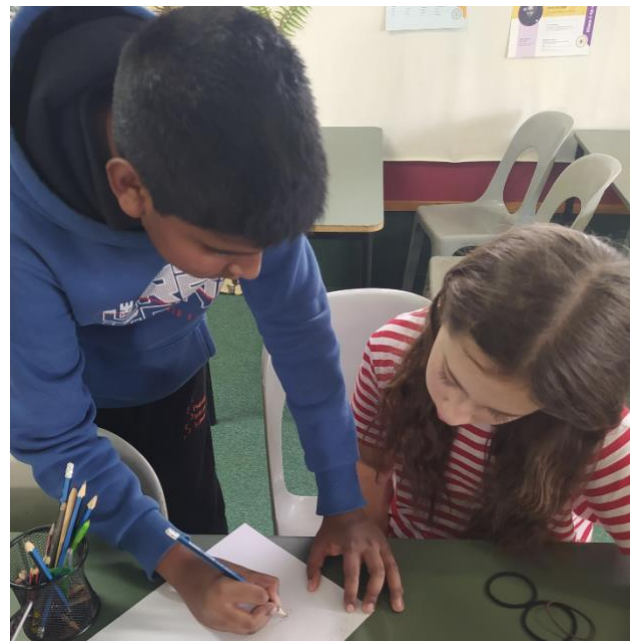
Alina (Room 25) - Chinese lesson

Om and Shreyas (Room 21) - Hindi lesson

Izolda (Room 6) - Belarusian lesson

Ted and Platon (Room 25) - Russian lesson

Clever, Rafael and Gustavo (Room 22) - Portuguese lesson



Camps 2023 (repeat notice)

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 installments as you like leading up to the due date of September 15th.

<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.

Kids to Camp (repeat notice)

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.

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

Options – Term 3

Acrylic Painting : Miss Jeon - Room 1 Come and let your inner artist shine! Get creative and funky - the canvas is your oyster!	Mixed Media: Mrs R Wilson- Room 18 If you love art then this is the Option for you. We will experiment with different art materials and techniques. We will use paint, indian ink, pastels, water colour and more. Ultimately its a time to be creative.
Touch Typing: Miss Rees: 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.	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.
Comic Book Creations: Miss Stone - Room 8 Learn how to make your very own comics! You will develop your story writing and illustrating abilities, picking up new skills along the way..	Writing Club: Mrs Spurdle - Room 9 Do you like to express yourself through writing and enjoy crafting a range of genres? How about learning more about yourself through literacy? This writing club will provide a collaborative space for learners to write, share ideas and provide feedback on each others work.

<p>Paint by numbers: Ms Collins - Room 12 Come and chill out on a Thursday afternoon and paint within the lines whilst listening to chilled out music. If you know your numbers, you'll be great at this! You'll end the term with a beautiful artwork ready to gift to someone or hang up in your room. Be aware, the options are mostly flowers/plants.</p>	<p>Sweet Treats Baking: Miss Athy-Timmins - Room 16 Sweeten up your Thursday afternoons by learning some new recipes and baking some sweet treats such as lollicake 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>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>Librarian training: Mrs Spencer / Miss Richardson - Library Librarians only - preselected</p>
<p>Basketball: Bball 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>Funny Debates: Ms Murray: Room 17 If you love to express yourself, come along to this option and enjoy the freedom of speech. You'll learn the art of debating and have fun choosing funny topics to debate in teams ... get ready to argue and giggle!!</p>	<p>Kinetic Creator: Joel: Learning Centre For anyone looking to create something new and fun. We will pull apart existing physical games and creating something new. This requires teamwork and creativity. Are you game enough?</p>
<p>Card Making: Room 24 - Mrs Francis Make beautiful cards for your friends and family. Try different styles and techniques, and by the end of the term you'll be all ready for birthdays and Christmas.</p>	<p>Games and Cards: Mrs Howie - Room 25 Like to play cards or enjoy the challenge of a board game? In this option, you can have a go at different games and even have a go at making your own game.</p>
<p>Book Club : Miss Sherrock - Room 26 Do you love to read? Do you love to escape into different worlds and meet new and interesting characters? In Book Club we will discover, discuss and review books and of course READ.</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>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>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 - both active and passive. We sketch, draw, discuss, be silent, move, meditate, listen to music and learn ways of being more present.</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>	<p>The Improv Playground - Room 6 Want to improve your confidence and teamwork skills while playing fun drama games?</p>

	<p>Improv is theatre acting that's made up on the spot, without a script. In this course we'll be doing fun improv drama games, while also working on some important life skills – such as creativity, communication, self-confidence, being present, and emotional intelligence. You don't have to want to perform on stage to join – our focus will be on building confidence and being playful. Join the fun!</p>
<p>Crochet - Miss Cooney - Room 20 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>	

Pencil Cases and Tools for Learning - repeat notice

The holidays are 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 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

Homework Club

Homework club will be starting on Wednesdays in Term 3 from 3.10-4.00.

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.

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 especially during the winter months. 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.

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 30th June (last day of term)**.

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/>





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