

Important Dates

21 August

Central Zone
Girls Basketball

23 August

Central Zone
Chess

Modular
Conferences 3:3-
pm – 8pm

24 August

Central Zone
Cross Country

Mathex Evening

25 August

Daffodil Day

28 August

Central Zone
Boys Basketball

29 August

Attitude Show

31 August

Central Zone
Speeches at
Ponsonby

5 September

BoT Meeting
6pm

6 September

Performance
Evening @ 7pm

20 September

Art Exhibition
Open Evening

Principal's Message

Term 3 is academic moving time. All students have completed their 3 minute speeches, and the 12 students who delivered their speeches in front of the whole school on Friday were awesome. Now, students in Year 8 are moving on with Character Novel Studies and our Year 7's have started the Short Story unit of work. In Maths, all classes continue with the Pr1me problem solving approach and DEEP Learning has a focus on Geometry, via a lens of cultural significance. Our Mathex students who have been training for months will compete next week and large numbers of students are completing their ICAS exams.

Over the past few weeks, many students have been awarded new Leadership positions - Eco Warriors, Councillors, Cultural Leaders, Sports Leaders, Tech Experts, Librarians, Positively Ponsonby Reps and Recreation Team Leaders. The school is proud to be able to offer so many leadership opportunities.

On Friday, our 530 students and 40 visitors from Korea completed the Cross Country - a fabulous way to end a busy week. The top eight in each category will be out representing Ponsonby next week.

We have record numbers of students participating in weekly sports - Basketball, Netball, Water Polo and Hockey. Having 17 Basketball teams and 11 Netball teams means over 230 students being actively involved each week in those two codes alone! Basketball is also the lunchtime inter-class competition this term, I love the large supportive crowds these games generate almost daily.

Next Friday is the Cancer Society's national Daffodil Day. We have many plans organised to raise students' awareness around this heartfelt topic - dressing in yellow and green is encouraged.

Performance Evening is made up of aspects from Talent Quest, Production, Roadshow and our Cultural groups, we expect over 120 students to be taking the stage, please come along - Wednesday 6 September at 7pm. We also have our Art Exhibition Open Evening we would like to invite you to - Wednesday 20 September 3:20pm - 6pm.

Thank you for the large turn out to our Camp Information Evening, we have many, many volunteers this year, which is fantastic, as Camps are not possible without your support.

Finally, if you have a student in Year 8, I encourage you at this time of year to start the process of enrolment into Secondary school. Once we know where students are going we can assist in the transitioning process.

Ngā mihi,

Nick Wilson

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Speech Results

This year's Ponsonby Speech finals were held in the hall on Friday 11 August. The standard was very high with a wide range of topics and it was an entertaining morning. Congratulations to all our finalists: Parker Feuchs, Courtney Wainhouse, Shreyas Sahoo, Zadie de Silva, Laki Pillai, Ben Young, Jack Hopkinson, Bea Richardson, Nico Burton, Bea Hempel, Dante Lam and Amber L'Ami. The judges, Miss Thomas from Western Springs' College and Mr Rama from Ponsonby Primary, had a challenging decision making process. The final results were - 1st: Zadie de Silva (Comparison) 2nd: Bea Richardson (Why the Pink Tax Must Stop) 3rd: Nico Burton (His-Story vs Our Story). Amber L'Ami (Why We Should have Wings) received a Highly Commended Award.

Zadie now goes on to represent Ponsonby at the Central Zone Speech Competition being held on Thursday, 31 August at 1.20 at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Congratulations also need to go to EVERY student at Ponsonby Intermediate; every one of you wrote and presented a three minute speech. Well done - you are all articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future!



Sports Update

Cross Country

Well done to all our students for participating in our cross country last Friday. The weather cooperated and the students did us proud with some incredible effort. Thank you to all those who came out to support and cheer our runners on! Our CZ Cross country is next Thursday, 24th August so watch this space for some more incredible results.

Cross Country Results

	Year 7		Year 8	
Placing	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1st	Emma Bell 26	Thomas Vickery Rm 25	Maisie Morrison Rm 17	Nico Richardson Rm 6
2nd	Laki Pillai Rm 11	Fedde Berry Rm 11	Miri Harkness Rm 14	George Jacobs Rm 17
3rd	Sarah Bannan 26	Dante Lam Rm 11	Zadie de Silva Rm 30	Charlie Coulter Rm 6
4th	Georgia Jarvis 16	Fionn Mordaunt Rm 16	Emily Clark Rm 23	Blake Strang Rm 6
5th	Sailor Day Smith 3	Archie Bradford Rm 26	Evie Wood Rm 23	Niko Guttenbeil Rm 17
6th	Indigo Devereux 26	Otis Labrum Rm 25	Alice Barton 14	Elliot Abplanalp-Ellis Rm 12
7th	Harriet Sinclair 3	Fletcher Norrie Rm 11	Maisie Keelan Rm 17	Billy Harcourt Rm 23
8th	Jade Paykel 1	Zach Henderson Rm 1	Sage Launder-Upton Rm 17	Isaac Ross Rm 22
9th	Holly Allbon 9	Max Thomason Rm 16	Ruby Kells Burgess Rm 21	Lewis Horsley Rm 30
10th	Zadie McKee 25	Blake Cosgrove Rm 9	Mila Jenks Rm 6	London Ridge Rm 6

Interzone Boys Hockey

The Central Zone Boys' Hockey team were super excited to be competing at the Interzone Boys' 7 A-side Hockey tournament. The event was held on Wednesday 2nd August at the North Harbour Hockey Stadium. Top efforts to the team for the incredible amount of resilience they showed withstanding the wet, windy, chilly conditions and their 'never give up' attitude playing every game. Shoutout to players Spencer Strang and Charlie Durey for amazing passing; Stan Martin, Noah Olgilvie, Rudrah Patel and Ollie Grace for strong defence; Blake Strang and Robbie Mitchell for some impeccable set ups; Max McLean and Thabo Gonzenbach for their great finishing and Cooper Wells for his awesome saves in goal. Thanks to Coach Tania McLean and Ms Murray for supporting us all, and the hot chips!



Skiing

On Tuesday 1st August Ponsonby Intermediate ski team members Chloe Scott, Fletcher Norrie, Charlie Evans, Jack Coop, Sam Graydon, Samuel Symonds and Flynn Grocott competed in the Intermediate Schools Snowsports Competition held at Snow Planet. Ponsonby Intermediate placed 3rd overall in the Intermediate Year 7/8 category - a fantastic team effort as they were totally not expecting to place. Jack Coop came 3rd overall in Year 7 boys for Park category. Skiers wore the schools new red and blue helmet covers which made it much easier to spot them on the slope! Special mention to parents Karen Duggan and Belinda Grocott who made it all happen for these students - great organisation!

Review of the day is by Flynn Grocott, Jack Coop and Sam Graydon.

“As we drove to Snowplanet early this morning we felt a mixture of nervousness and excitement. When we got there, there were lots of kids from schools all over Auckland, and we knew the competition would be really tough. We each got 2 runs and a turn in the park. It was fun and we tried our hardest but didn’t think we would place. We were very surprised when we found out that we came third overall in the Year 7/8 category. It was really good training for when we go to the South Island competition at Coronet Peak in September.”



Basketball

Our first basketball games for the new semester have kicked off this Monday, with 17 teams playing across year 7 and year 8.

Hopefully all parents are in communication with their teams and are able to work together to provide transport to and from games if students need it. I have emailed through all relevant information so please get in touch if you have any questions.

I will try and get to each team over the next few Mondays to check in courtside.

Again, any questions please get in touch (samj@ponsint.school.nz)

Central Zone Squash

Ponsonby Intermediate entered 2 girls teams and 3 boys teams to compete in the Central Zone Year 7,8 Squash tournament on Tuesday 8th August.

Team 1 girls Courtney Wainhouse, Zarah Khan and Stella O'Sullivan played some exciting, close scoring games taking out wins against Royal Oak 3-0, ANI/1 2-1 and ANI/2 3-0. Well done to the girls placing 1st overall in the tournament. A big shoutout to Courtney competing against a Nationals player and managing to score 10 points in the game. Team 2 girls Emily Clark, Evie Wood and Taylor Dodds also played some very strong games with wins to Waikowhai 2-1, Marist 3-0 and Royal Oak/3 3-0 and a loss to Royal Oak/1 2-1. Top effort to the boys' teams (results TBC): Team 1 - Flynn McGregor, Oscar Townley, Fedde Berry; Team 2 - Tommy Schluter, Jaime Manga, Levi Alexander; Team 3 - Ace Ngaia, Roman Pashkov, Stan Martin. The day was hectic, often with back to back games, teams on scoring duties but players all agreed they had heaps of fun! Thanks to Ms Murray and parent supporters.



Central Zone Netball

The Central Zone Girls' Netball tournament was held last Friday 11th August at Auckland Netball Centre. With entries from 16 schools in Year 7 grade and 18 schools in Year 8 grade, supporters were treated to a netball-fest of games to watch. Ponsonby 7/1 team played 7, won 7 - their games were super exciting, some nail bitingly close!! Ponsonby 8/1 played 6, won 5, lost 1 - top of their pool round and only narrowly missed making the final by one goal on the buzzer! **Congratulations Year 7/1 netball team - 1st place; Year 8/1 - 3rd place.**

A thrilling day for both teams. Thanks to the coaches on the day, Dee (Y7s) and Dealla (Y8s) and all parent supporters on the sideline.

Year 7/1 team qualified for the Interzone Girls Netball tournament played Tuesday 15 August. The team competed proudly to represent Central Zone and Ponsonby Intermediate finishing 11th overall, a fabulous result for the girls. Many thanks to Coach Anne Lawson for her positive support and organization.



Year 7/1 - Grace Paranihi, Maia Martin, Greta Beuth, Iva Bernard, London Samania-Tuioti, Ivanna Marin, Madison Dettling and Nikita Pasche.



Year 8/1 - Elsie Ward, Miriama Smith, Stella O'Sullivan, Taylor Dodds, Emma Jones, Alice Mitchell, Pipiana Ramsay, Lucy Britten and Miller Ashley.



Tools for Learning

Tools for Learning - pencil cases and headphones / earbuds

Now is a great time to check your child's pencil case and ensure that they have everything they need to be set up for a successful day at school. Many students have misplaced equipment which results in lost learning time as they borrow from others. Please see the list below:

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

PPTV – Latest Episode

Please watch this week's PPTV episode, PPTV is made by our students for our students. However, this week – I think everyone should watch, it is fantastic!

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/2023/08/16/councillors-roadshow-pptv/>

Student Devices – repeat message

It is pleasing to be able to deliver you this message.

Our Board of Trustees have been able to make a significant computer purchase. This means that devices are no longer required to be brought from home, Ponsonby has plenty of devices, and your child's learning is not at risk.

The school's BYOD (bring your own device) policy is still in place for students who deeply wish to bring their own computer.

While on this topic, it is our suggestion you make enquiries into laptop expectations/requirements of your pending secondary school before making a new purchase for your child.

Kids-to-Camp Sponsorship

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/>

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 instalments 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.

Student Safety and Behaviour Contract

On Monday, students were given our Student Safety and Behaviour Contract for camp. Please carefully read through this with your child, sign and return to your child's form teacher. The purpose of the contract is to set clear expectations around staying safe and behaving appropriately at camp. We appreciate your support with this.

School TV: Dealing with Disappointment

As young people learn to navigate through various aspects of their life, they may face disappointment due to unfulfilled expectations, shattered dreams, or unexpected setbacks. Yet, with the appropriate tools, strategies, and a positive mindset, young people can learn to cope with disappointment and use it as an opportunity for personal growth and success.

Disappointment can be a tricky emotion to deal with at any age. It is a normal part of growing up. However, children sometimes need reminding that they have a choice in how they respond to disappointment and their response will determine the impact it has on their future happiness. Overall, disappointment is a healthy and positive emotion and plays an integral part in a child's emotional, intellectual and social development.

Helping young people manage their disappointment is important in order to avoid stronger emotions such as anxiety and depression. Although a parent’s first reaction may be to fix the problem, it is better to encourage your child to find the words to express how they feel.

In this Special Report, parents and caregivers are provided with strategies on how to help their child process disappointment and look at the problem objectively.

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-dealing-disappointment

Ponsonby Intermediate Calendar – Term 3, 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	14 August	15 August Open Morning Core Conferences	16 August ICAS English EOTC catch up (8, 25) Korean Student Group arrive Core Conferences	17 August CZ League Tag	18 August
6	21 August CZ Basketball - Girls	22 August ICAS Science	23 August ICAS Spelling Modular Conferences	24 August CZ Cross Country Mathex Evening	25 August Daffodil Day
7	28 August CZ Basketball - Boys	29 August ICAS Mathematics	30 August Attitude Show @ 11am	31 August CZ Speeches @1pm	1 September
8	4 September Health - BLAKE NZ-VR	5 September Health - BLAKE NZ-VR BOT Meeting @ 6pm	6 September Health - BLAKE NZ-VR Performance Evening @ 7pm	7 September Health - BLAKE NZ-VR	8 September Health - BLAKE NZ-VR
9	11 September	12 September	13 September Eco Warriors Trip	14 September	15 September
10	18 September	19 September CZ Volleyball - Girls	20 September Art Exhibition Evening	21 September CZ Volleyball - Boys	22 September Out of Zone Enrolments Close Showcase @ 1:30pm

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.

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