Newsletter Ponsonby



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14 September 2023

Important

20 September

Art Exhibition Open Evening 3:30 - 5.30pm

22 September

Showcase@ 1.30pm

Last Day of Term

9 October

First day of Term and Camp Prep Day

10 October

Camps Depart

13 October

Camps arrive back to Ponsonby

18 October

CZ Badminton

31 October

CZ Touch - Girls

BoT Meeting 6pm

2 November

CZ Touch -Mixed and Boys

10 November

Councillors Fun Day

15 November

Ponsonby Athletics Day

Principal's Message

Kia Ora Whanau,

If you attended our Performance Evening last week, I'm sure you came away impressed with the talent and celebration of culture we have here. Next week is our Art Exhibition in the Library, Wednesday 20th September and the students who have been in the Music/Performing Arts module this term will showcase their work on Friday 22nd September from 1:30pm.

The deliberate "Ponsonby Experience" we plan for the school year is focused on engaging students. I have mentioned this in previous newsletters, with evidence showing student engagement and how important this is. Our teachers understand the young adolescent middle schooler and how participation in a range of activities is key as well as building positive friendships. It is seemingly more common that social media and group chats create anxiety for some tamariki and we will help, where we can. The past few weeks have seen the students unpacking their own learnings and experiences of social media in class lessons while being equipped with a range of strategies to navigate social media platforms.

Congratulations to all our netball players, on the completion of a fantastic season. Thank you to all the coaches and managers for your support, we couldn't do it without all of you.

Out of Zone enrolments for Ponsonby Intermediate for 2024 close on Friday 22nd September, we have a large number of out-of-zone enrolments this year. Please let your family, friends and neighbours know this cut-off date.

Ngā mihi,

Nick Wilson

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Art Exhibition

We are excited to invite you to our annual Art Exhibition held in the Library on Wednesday 20th September. Viewing will be between 3.30-5.30pm with Prize Giving 5:30pm. The Exhibition is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talent and work produced over the past 3 Terms. Art work exhibited includes mahi inspired by native and natural New Zealand, urban Ponsonby and Toi Māori. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Komodo – Student wellbeing tool

In Term 4, Ponsonby Intermediate will be using a wellbeing tool called Komodo. Ponsonby Intermediate is committed to the wellbeing of its students and community. Being able to connect and build positive relationships plays an integral role in ensuring that our students have the best platform to grow through these incredibly formative years. As a part of this connection process we are looking to introduce a more simplified approach to student wellbeing. This survey program is a New Zealand developed platform from Komodo, developed by specialists and psychologists. Our aim is to promote student voice, identify wellbeing concerns or needs earlier, and become really proactive in our pastoral initiatives as guided by the data across all students. Currently, we run a twice yearly survey program via the Ministry of Education. It is our opinion that this program is comprehensive but lacks the levels of responsiveness needed in today's education environment. Komodo is a New Zealand company (based in Christchurch) and all data is owned by Ponsonby Intermediate (and the students) under our existing policies (privacy, safeguarding and confidentiality), not by Komodo. The information we receive is anonymized and summarised across 5-7 key themes. We intend to use this information as a part of our weekly staff and management program to ensure that we are aligned on where our students are at. We will provide more information over the coming weeks and as always, your feedback is welcome.

Pasifika Performance and Fono

Tongan Language Week was a wonderful time for our Pasifika students to showcase their talents and celebrate their culture with two stunning performances. Their first show at Performance Evening was met with so much enthusiasm from the parents and whānau that they were invited to perform again the next day at music assembly for the whole school. They rose to the occasion and danced with such pride that it was an emotional experience for many. The performance included Cook Island, Samoan, Niuean and Tongan dancing, and now the students have big plans to get more students and Pacific cultures involved. In order to provide a dedicated time and space for this, Ponsonby Intermediate will offer a 'Pasifika Fono' option in Term 4, with the goal of developing leadership, pride, and an opportunity to share cultures for our Pasifika students. This will be a family friendly option where we welcome whānau to share their skills and knowledge with the students. Please contact us if you would like to participate.

A huge congratulations to Tayj, Torea, Hawk, Nikita, Iva, London, Joseph and Lucas for starting this - we are all so proud of you! What fantastic leaders you all are in our school!





Central Zone Speech Finals

Ponsonby Intermediate were proud to host the Central Zone Intermediate Speech Finals on Thursday 8th September. Six intermediates took part and the standard was high with a diverse and entertaining range of speeches. Congratulations to first place Zariah Hormann Nansen from Remuera Intermediate with her speech on 'The Effects of Social Media'. Zadie de Silva from Ponsonby Intermediates was awarded Highly Commended for her speech on 'Comparison'. Thanks to our judges Rachel Allwood from Western Springs College and Kerry McKay from Bayfield Primary School.



Te Wiki o Te Reo

This week is Te Wiki o te Reo (Māori Language Week). This years' theme is Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori - making the language stronger. Students will continue to learn and use Te Reo in classes and throughout the day. Today, Ponsonby Intermediate participated in Te wā Tuku Reo Māori (the Māori Language Moment). At 12:00 pm today, Thursday 14th September all New Zealanders were invited to celebrate what makes Aotearoa unique - Te Reo Māori. Keep an eye out for some pictures in the next newsletter of how we are celebrating this week.

Sports Update

Netball

Ponsonby Intermediate netball teams finished the season at Netball North Harbour having had two terms of competition and overall achieving some great team results.

Year 7 Teams: 7/1 - 1st Grade 2, 7/2 - 8th Grade 3, 7/3 - 2nd Grade 7,

7/4 - 1st Grade 7, 7/5 - 8th Grade 10, 7/6 - 5th Grade 11.

Year 8 Teams: 8/1 - 6th Grade 1, 8/2 - 6th Grade 4, 8/3 - 8th Grade 6,

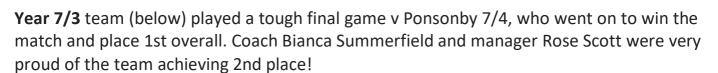
8/4 - 3rd Grade 8, 8/5 - 7th Grade 10.

Thanks to coaches, managers and parents who have all been instrumental in the success of supporting players toward developing their netball skills, building team camaraderie and for ensuring players had fun on and off court. Well done to all teams for representing the school with pride, passion and competing with 'Positively Ponsonby' values. Check out some of the team photos sent in.

Year 7/1 team (below) won 25-24 v Pasadena in an exciting final playing an absolute nail biter of a game! Coach Anne Lawson credited the team as being 'absolute superstars!'. Congratulations - NNH 1st place winners.









The Year 8/1 team (below) had a very successful first round of competition games to make Grade 1, top 8 team and the privilege to play out the season on the indoor courts, amazing! Huge team efforts to place 6th overall. Thanks to coach Anne Lawson and managers Dealla Smith and Jackie Ashley.



Year 8/5+6 team (below) started with a challenge to retain player numbers, however thanks to a collective effort by the parents managing to merge the two teams, players had a successful season. Thanks to coaches Arabella Green and Ruby Jones, team managers Karyn Green and Jeremy Arthur and their fantastic parent supporters.



Hockey

Ponsonby Intermediate 7 A-side Hockey team had a superb season finishing 2nd overall in the North Harbour Intermediate Hockey competition. The team played so well throughout the season and learned so much under the amazing guidance of coach Tania McLean and manager Katie Noble. Fantastic support from the parents too. Awesome results to a fun season for players Emily Clark, Daisy Brinsden, Max McLean, Noah Ogilvie, Stan Martin, Gus Mount, Lucie Klein, Grace Stedman, Stella Farragher and Rudra Patel.



Netball Umpires

Ponsonby Intermediate is developing great relationships with the Inner Schools Sports Competitions (ISSC) by providing netball and football umpires for sports events. This term a group of Year 8 students (below) had the opportunity to umpire netball games for some of the local Ponsonby school teams competing in the Year 5, 6 Netball Tournament. The girls received some great feedback from ISSC sports coordinators - "You would be so proud! The girls are everywhere - doing one court solo, umpiring 2 teams at once, organised, friendly

and professional! Parents are commenting on how great they are and proud of learning- a real asset and testimony to the Ponsonby Intermediate spirit!"

Awesome efforts – Pipiana Ramsay, Miriama Smith, Mischa Selak, Alice Mitchell, Stella O'Sullivan, Emma Jones, Elsie Ward and Hawk Kaulima.



Swimming

Madison Dettling competed at AIMS in the Year 7 Individual Swimming events, racing over 3 days in Tauranga. It was a great experience for her and has helped her move up to a new level at swimming. Her success in the pool with personal best swim times for backstroke, fly and freestyle will apply for her rankings. She is now only seconds away from some of the New Zealand Secondary School Champs qualification times. Madison also competed in the Northern Region Surf Life Saving Pool Champs where all the events are based on what they train to be as a lifeguard. Madison placed 1st in the 12 year girls age group for the 50m swim with fins, 50m Rescue Medley, 50m Brick Carry and 100m swim with obstacles, and placed 3rd in the Tube Rescue with her partner in the 12-13 age group.

Amazing achievements in the pool Madison!

Skiing

The final timed training event at Snow Planet was a great one for Ponsonby Intermediate skiers. There was such a huge improvement in everyone's times from the previous 2 time trials last term. Oliver (coach) was most impressed at the skiers progress and speed. A number of medals were handed out to skiers for their efforts. Most improved: Fletcher Norrie and Evie Wood.

Top 3 girls: 1. Courtney Wainhouse 2. Chloe Scott 3. Jade Paykel

Top 3 boys: 1. Flynn Grocott 2. Jack Coop 3. Charlie Evans

Top 3 overall: 1. Courtney Wainhouse 2. Flynn Grocott 3. Jack Coop

Congratulations to all the skiers for always doing their best and most importantly, having fun!







Showcase Invite to Parents and Whānau

Term 3 Showcase is happening on Friday 22nd September, 1.30pm – 3:00pm in the Hall. Classes presenting are Rooms 3, 14, 20, 22 and 28. Students will present items including drama, music, dance and original music videos. All parents are most welcome.

Mathex

Our school Mathex Team (Elsie Ward, Harvey Busch, Linlin Zhang Zhao, Qiqi Zhang Zhao, Jaime Manga, Hazel Fox, Zander Gill, Luca Hope, Roxy Perkins, Zoe Jamieson, Fletcher Norrie, Briar Palmer, Frank Crosbie, Chuck Luo, Dante Lam, Lenny Lightfoot, Fergus Carroll and Ben Molloy) were all excited to be able to attend the Mathex Competition at the Barfoot & Thompson Stadium on August 24th.

It was an incredible mathematical problem-solving competition. Over 125 teams at each year level, 20 questions, 30 minutes and over 1000 parents and teachers watching and cheering for their teams. Thanks to the parents and past pupils for coming along to support our team. They did our school proud with very good results overall.

Teacher Only Day – Friday 24th November

Schools have been directed to hold a second curriculum and assessment change Teacher-Only Day in Term 4. This day is to provide schools dedicated time to understand, prepare for, and engage with changes across Te Mātaiaho the refreshed NZ Curriculum. Ponsonby Intermediate will be having their Teacher-Only Day on Friday 24th November.

While the school is closed for instruction, we can offer supervision. Please contact office@ponsint.school.nz if your child needs supervision for the day.

Skate School

Ponsonby students have all recently completed two skate lessons during their PE classes. These lessons were run by the Young Guns Skate School and provided students with an amazing opportunity to experience the sport.

Our two lessons were an introduction to skating, with focus being on balance, control of the board and moving into a few of the simpler yet fundamental tricks.

Our students responded with great enthusiasm to this change in our usual PE programme and we witnessed some incredible skating and skaters emerge.

For any students who have an interest in continuing their skating journey, I would urge them to attend <u>Young Guns Skate School</u> held every Tuesday after school on our top courts here at Ponsonby Intermediate. Simon Thorpe and his crew provide great sessions, catering to all abilities and even managed to get a few teachers riding.

Blake VR in Health Classes

Last week, all classes were privileged to a number of virtual reality experiences that showcased underwater sites around Aotearoa New Zealand. The BLAKE-NZ-VR programme aimed to connect and inspire students to care for our ocean and environment. Students learnt about marine mammals, as well as what action can be taken to show kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and protect the marine environment. Another exciting activity to add to the list of their 'Ponsonby Experiences'.







Kids-to-Camp Sponsorship – Thank you!

Throughout the year, we have been raising money for sponsoring Kids to Camp. We would like to thank you for your generous donations. It is such a great experience attending camp and we are grateful for your contributions this year!

Camp Gear lists

Your child would have received a gear list for camp in Term 4 Week 1. The holidays is a good time to organise this list and keeping in mind that many of the items could be borrowed from friends and families.

If you need a copy of this list or it has been misplaced, please contact your child's form teacher.

Eco-Warriors Beach Clean Up

The Eco Warriors group recently joined Sustainable Coastlines for a beach clean-up and audit. The weather was wonderful as the students scoured Westhaven Beach for trash. At first glance, the beach looked great but on further inspection lots of plastic rubbish was

found washed between the rocks and hidden under sand. Once collected the students helped sort the rubbish into categories and then weigh it. The data collected will then be given to the Ministry of the Environment to help them make decisions on funding and environmental laws. It was great to see the students getting amongst it and making difference for the future of Aotearoa.



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Hoodie and Track Pants Order

You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) and track pants using the link below. Ordering for this garment is open now and closes **Friday 22**nd **September.**

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 before and after school. This hoodie/sweater is not compulsory for all students to have, it is a choice and not a required part of the school uniform.

We also have track pants. The track pants are ordered the same way as the hoodie and are not compulsory but are great for the winter months when doing physical activity.

These items will be delivered straight to your home address. Please follow the link below:

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



Options, Term 4, 2023

Below are the options running in Term 4.
Select 5 choices -

DO NOT choose an option you have done before (unless it is sport) - DO NOT CHOOSE OPTIONS YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE IN You will be placed in ONE of the FIVE options YOU have chosen.

LINK: TERM 4 OPTIONS 2023

Skateboarding Club: Miss Jeon - Top Courts (Preselected) Listen to the daily notices on how to sign up for this option.	FLOX Art: Mrs R Wilson- Room 18 Create a piece of art based on FLOX's work. You will create a piece that is bright and colourful and inspired by nature.	
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	Slinkachu Art: Mrs Spurdle - Room 9 Slinkachu is a British street artist whose artwork is a mixture of sculpture, installation, street art and photography! He places miniature figures and objects in different scenarios and is inspired by landscapes, food and experimenting with scale and proportion. In this option you will create your own Slinkachu inspired piece of artwork.	
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.	Origami: Miss Athy-Timmins - Room 14 Want to make miniature sculptures each week, origami might be the option for you! You can use this time to learn to make basic shapes or build more intricate figures. Chill out this last term and hone your paper folding skills.	
Pasifika Fono: Mr T - Room 24 Come and learn about various cultures of the Pacific through dance, myths and legends and so much more. Be prepared to move, sing, teach and listen to stories from around the Pacific from others in the group as well as visitors.	Sweet Treats Baking: Miss Richardson - Room 16 Sweeten up your Thursday afternoons by learning some new recipes and baking some sweet treats such as lolllicake 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	
Beginner BuJos: Mrs Spencer: Room 21 Are you extremely organised and have high attention to detail? Do you like to journal? Are you creative or like to craft? We will be creating pages for our very own Bullet Journals in this Option. Bring your creativity, colour, and organisational skills with you!	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.	
Crochet: Miss Cooney: Room 20	Christmas Cards: Mrs Francis: Room 15	

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!

Get ready for Christmas (plus birthdays and other celebrations) by making creative cards for your friends and family. Each week we will make a different style and use different materials.

Adapted Softball: Ms Murray: Field by Situps

Keen to get outdoors and enjoy a game of softball with your team mates? There will be skills to learn for batting, catching, throwing, fielding and taking turns to umpire games too. If you're a team player then this option is for you!

Creative Crafting: Mrs Howie - Room 25

Do you like to get crafty? Come and experiment making a variety of crafts for yourself or for others.

Mystery Box Challenge: Miss Sherrock - Room 26

So you think you're creative, work well in a team and have incredible problem-solving skills? Then The Mystery Box Challenge might just be the option for you. Each week, you and your team will be presented with a box full of random items. Your challenge is to create something unique and fun within the given timeframe eg a game, sculpture, gadget, piece of art... The choices are endless. You will need to be able to brainstorm ideas, plan and work together in order to bring your creations to life.

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.

Artulturatical: Ms Edwards - Interact

If you enjoy losing yourself in creating something unique then this could be the option for you. We will work on pieces of art with a cultural and/or mathematical twist. You don't need to be fabulous at art (or mathematics) just motivated, a bit creative and able to rule straight lines.

Cultural Games: Mr Wannamaker - Field Rm30

Enjoy sport or playing games? In this option we explore games from other cultures through active participation. Games like ultimate frisbee, tchoukball, lacrosse and unihoc. So if you learn through doing and are open to new and exciting sports, join in!

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!

The Improv Playground - Room 6

Want to improve your confidence? Get better at working in teams? Try some fun drama games?

In this course we'll learn about teamwork, build confidence and get better at managing our emotions while playing games. Improv is theatre acting that's made up on the spot, without a script. You don't have to want to perform on stage to join – our focus will be on building confidence and working on life skills. Come give it a go!

Basketball - Brooke - Bball Court

You know what time it is...no, not business time. No, not home time either. No, it's not lunch yet. Ok, stop guessing. I'll tell you. It's basketball time!! Self-explanatory. Basketball, a word from the ancient latin Basquetusballus is a noble game which can be played by all! Come along to shoot some hoops.

Ponsonby Intermediate Calendar – Term 4

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Camp Week	9 October Camp Preparation Day	10 October Camps Depart	11 October	12 October	13 October Camps arrive back to school
2	16 October	17 October WSC transition visit with Year 8 teachers	18 October CZ Badminton	19 October Kāhui Ako- Tamariki Day 12-2pm	20 October
3	23 October LABOUR DAY	24 October	25 October In School testing starts For year 6 students	26 October	27 October AMSAA Art Exhibition 2023
4	30 October	31 October CZ Touch - Girls BOT Meeting – 6pm	1 November	2 November CZ Touch – Mixed and Boys	3 November Onshore Sculpture Art Exhibition 2023
5	6 November	7 November Modular Conferences 3:30 - 8pm	8 November	9 November CZ Sports Coordinators Meeting	10 November Councillor's Fun Day
6	13 November	14 November	15 November Ponsonby Athletics Day	16 November Out of Zone Testing 9am – 10:15am	17 November
7	20 November	21 November	22 November CZ Athletics Day	23 November	24 November TEACHER ONLY DAY
8	27 November	28 November BOT Meeting – 6pm	29 November	30 November	1 December
9	4 December	5 December	6 December HPV 2 Year 8's Boostrix Year 7's Catch up	7 December	8 December Showcase @ 1:30pm
10	11 December	12 December HPV 2 Year 8's Catch up Boostrix Year 7's Catch up	13 December Prizegiving 1:30pm – 3:05pm	14 December House Reward Graduation Evening 6pm - 8:30pm	15 December Year 7's Only

Holiday/Community Programmes

School holiday basketball programmes

Some of our basketball students already receive weekly coaching from the team at Swished On. These holidays they are running two coaching programmes which any keen basketball players may find interesting.





PONSONBY SKATE SCHOOL



TUESDAYS

AFTER SCHOOL

AT PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



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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.

Connections Respect for Because we have confidence in who we are, we are able to appreciate and let others be themselves. We care and support each other

Expressing talents, feelings and beliefs because these make us who we are. We get the most out of life when we are true to ourselves.

Respect for and let others be themselves. We care and support each other Other People inside and outside the classroom.

inside and outside

Our Values & GEMS