

## Important Dates

### 22 November

Central Zone  
Athletics

### 23 November

New Whānau (Year  
6 parents)  
information evening  
in the Hall at  
6.00pm.

### 24 November

**TEACHER ONLY  
DAY** – No School

### 6 December

HPV (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Boostrix Catch-up

### 7 December

Showcase 1:30pm  
Rooms 1, 6, 16, 23  
and 26.

### 13 December

Year 7 Prizegiving  
11:00am

### 14 December

Year 8 Prizegiving  
11:00am  
Year 8 students go  
home after  
prizegiving (approx  
12.30pm)

Year 8 Graduation  
6.00pm

### 15 December

Last Day – Year 7's  
only  
12 midday finish

## Principal's Message

The students enjoyed Athletics Day. Like school camp, for many it was their first ever big athletics meeting. The weather played its part too, our PE teachers – Ms Murray and Mr Jardine had done a great job training the 533 students and Mr Bennie's organisation was faultless, as expected!

Almost every student completed four field events and at least two track events. Room 17 won the 4 x 100m Year 8 relay (again) and Room 9 won the Year 7 race ... the highlight of the day, as we were all sitting in the grandstand watching!

Please note the updated end of year Prizegiving and Graduation details: Year 7 Prizegiving is Wednesday 13 December at 11.00am and Year 8 Prizegiving is now Thursday 14 December at 11.00am.

**This Friday 24 November is a Teacher Only Day** - teachers will be completing some mandatory training and looking into the Ponsonby Intermediate Curriculum. Should you require supervision for your child please email [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz)

Ngā mihi

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## **End of Year Prizegiving – Updated Dates and Times**

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The Year 7 prizegiving ceremony will be held on Wednesday 13 December beginning at 11:00am.

The Year 8 prizegiving ceremony will take place on Thursday 14 December beginning at 11:00am.

There will be parking on the field and allocated seating for family and friends. Year 8 students will go home following their ceremony (approx 12:30pm) and return at 6.00pm for the Graduation. If you would like your student to stay at school for the afternoon please email [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz) and we will provide supervision.

Your child will be notified on Monday 4 December if they are receiving a prize. They will bring a letter home on that day with the necessary information. We encourage you to come along to celebrate your child's success with us, however, please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate Events Centre has a limited amount of space so please carefully consider the number of family members.

Not all students will receive a prize, but we would remind all parents and caregivers that throughout the year we recognise and celebrate students' success during our weekly school assemblies and on other occasions.

## **Year 8 Graduation – Repeat Notice**

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We will be celebrating the Year 8 students' two year 'Ponsonby Experience' on Thursday 14 December with a special Graduation Ceremony. A letter outlining this event will be sent home later in the term.

In this letter it will provide specific information about the event and what your child will need to bring on the night. It is a formal evening so we encourage the Year 8 students to dress smartly.

The event starts at 6.00pm and there will be allocated seating for parents and family members. However, please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate Events Centre has a limited amount of space so please carefully consider the number of family members. There will also be parking on the field.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the amazing two years your child has had at Ponsonby Intermediate.

## **Athletics Day – Results 2023**

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We had a great day out at Mt Smart Stadium. The students had a fantastic day enjoying the track and field events, showing some enthusiastic house spirit.

Below are the overall results. Your child would have also received individual results on their athletics score card, which goes toward the house points for the day. Also, a thank you to parents and caregivers who came along to watch and support on the day.

## Year 7 Girls

Track	1 <sup>st</sup>	Time	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
<b>1500m</b>	Emma Bell	6:03.78	26	Laki Pillai	11	Sarah Bannan	26
<b>800m</b>	Emma Bell	2:52:72	26	Laki Pillai	11	Madison Dettling	15
<b>400m</b>	Emma Bell	1:16.84	26	Una Sobocanec	3	Jade Paykel	1
<b>200m</b>	Hazel McCready	31:40	28	Laki Pillai	11	Una Sobocanec	3
<b>100m</b>	Laki Pillai	14.96	11	Hazel McCready	28	Sarah Bannan	26
<b>Relay</b>			9		26		28
Field	1st	Length, Height	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
<b>High Jump</b>	Una Sobocanec Madison Dettling	122cm	3 15			Sarah Bannan	26
<b>Long Jump</b>	Una Sobocanec	3.39	3	Hazel McCready	28	Saskia Mok	28
<b>Discus</b>	Hazel McCready	16.68	28	Juliet Schaevitz	8	Charlie Summerfield	25
<b>Shot put</b>	Madison Dettling	7.35m	15	Hazel McCready	28	Emma Gillies	28

## Year 7 Boys

Track	1 <sup>st</sup>	Time	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
<b>1500m</b>	Thomas Vickery	5:28.40	25	Dante Lam	11	Otis Labrum	25
<b>800m</b>	Thomas Vickery	2:41:13	25	Flynn McGregor	11	Edward Utemov	25
<b>400m</b>	Dante Lam	1:15:25	11	Nico Burton	11	Khemera Kim	15
<b>200m</b>	Jesse Odiase	29:16	9	Christian Blakeman	15	Otis Labrum	25
<b>100m</b>	Christian Blakeman	13.85	15	Jesse Odiase	9	Baxter Gibson	28
Field	1st	Length, Height	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
<b>High Jump</b>	Lucas Atiga	131	25	Nick Myers	25	Jesse Odiase Tupu Southon	9 9
<b>Long Jump</b>	Tupu Southon	3.71	9	Blake Cosgrove	9	Baxter Gibson	28
<b>Discus</b>	Fedde Berry	18.32	11	Connor Ruane	28	Lucas Atiga	25
<b>Shot put</b>	Lucas Atiga	7.80	25	Christian Blakeman	15	Kingsleigh Aitogi	16

## Year 8 Girls

Track	1 <sup>st</sup>	Time	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
<b>1500m</b>	Stella O'Sullivan	6:06.28	22	Emily Clark	23	Evie Wood	23
<b>800m</b>	Taylor Dodds	2:55:16	21	Elsie Ward	22	Evie Wood	23
<b>400m</b>	Miller Ashley	1:13.91	17	Leinasei Bunyan	12	Elsie Ward	22
<b>200m</b>	Miller Ashley	28:89	17	Lucy Britten	17	Maisie Morrison	17
<b>100m</b>	Miller Ashley	14.28	17	Emily Clark	23	Lucy Britten	17
<b>Relay</b>			17		23		20
Field	1st	Length, Height	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
<b>High Jump</b>	Maisie Morrison	128	17	Miller Ashley Emily Clark	17 23	(Lucy 17 & Connie 20 didn't get to compete due to track finals)	
<b>Long Jump</b>	Emily Clark	3.96	23	Miriama Smith	20	Connie Mason	20
<b>Discus</b>	Hawk Kaulima	16.00	20	Maisie Mackintosh	21	Maisie Morrison	17
<b>Shot put</b>	Courtney Wainhouse	7.45	23	Roxy Perkins Maisie Mackintosh	23 21	Miriama Smith	20

Year 8 Boys							
Track	1 <sup>st</sup>	Time	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
1500m	Nico Richardson	5:26.38	6	Thabo Gonzenbach	17	Max McLean	20
800m	Thabo Gonzenbach	2:29:50	17	William Harcourt	23	Max McLean	20
400m	Gustavo Ferreira Curi	1:10:72	22	Nico Richardson	6	Max McLean	20
200m	Nico Guttenbeil	28:69	17	George Jacobs	17	William Harcourt	23
100m	Tito Oladimeji	13.34	17	Nico Guttenbeil	17	Cooper Wells	14
Field	1st	Length, Height	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
High Jump	George Flatt	135cm	6	Arlo Mok	23	Hugo Dixon Daniel Warner Ben Young Charlie Coulter Max McLean (all 125 cm)	21 20 23 6 20
Long Jump	Rhody Rangirangi	4.28	6	Tommy Schluter	21	London Ridge	6
Discus	Kurosh Babay Majedabad	18.60	22	Hugo Dixon	21	Gustavo Ferreira Curi	22
Shot put	Tani Fuemana	10.81	14	Kurosh Babay Majedabad	22	Gustavo Ferreira Curi	22

## Teacher Only Day - Repeat Notice

The Ministry of Education directed Teacher Only Day is on **Friday 24 November**. The school will be closed for instruction. Should children need supervision here at school please contact – [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz)

## CZ Touch Days

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In Week 5 we had our Central Zone Touch Tournament for Boys, Girls and Mixed Touch Rugby.

**Boys team** had a great day with mixed results, coming 8<sup>th</sup> overall, coming together by the end of the day, playing some exceptional footy. This was particularly impressive as their last game was at 2.00pm, after having played 8 games. However, they didn't seem to tire and pushed through right to the end.

The players focussed throughout the day, making huge improvements at a rapid pace considering they only had four trainings together. As the coach I was especially impressed with their resilience, and ability to bounce back when down a try or two.

**Mixed team** had a great tournament day. While the results were as mixed as the team, all participants maintained incredible enthusiasm as they faced some tough competition. As is often the way, the team improved over the course of their day and came together as a unit. Congratulations to the mixed team and thank you to the parent supporters we had in attendance on the day.

**Girls Touch** tournament was held at Cox's Bay with 19 schools competing.

With only a few weeks of training sessions, Ponsonby Year 7 & 8 girls combined well to play some exciting, speedy touch in both the pool and 2nd round games gaining the following results: Waiheke Intermediate 3-6 (win), Pasadena 7-4, Royal Oak 1-1, Mt Roskill 4-0, Waikowhai 4-2, Remuera Intermediate 2-3 (win), Marist 0-4 (win). Players had so much fun and were pleased to place 5th overall. Shout outs to Iva Bernard, Torea Hewett-Kaulima and Jade Paykel for their slick passing and setting up runners in the midfield; Connie Mason, Chloe Scott, Elsie Ward and Sadie Lekner for being speedy wingers and Blanca Ebbett, Izzy Russell, Grace Paranihi, Pipiana Ramsay and Stella O'Sullivan for being stand out links around the field. A massive thank you to parent Rose Scott and Ms Murray for the amazing day!





## Football

Western Springs Football Club Prizegiving was held here at Ponsonby Intermediate a few weeks ago, Year 7 student Greta Beuth received a special award for Most Valuable Female Player across all the Junior 9th-12th grades. Greta in her first year of playing football was one of 5 nominees for this award, so this was a super proud moment for Greta and her family. Greta's coach praised her achievement commenting that *"she has a brilliant technical skillset; her game understanding is top tier as she always finds herself in the right place at the right time. Greta is a constant threat with the ball at her feet, picking out brilliant passes, she is seriously one of the most gifted players with huge potential, and is a great kid too"*.

Fantastic effort, look forward to seeing Greta's progress in 2024.



## **Bikes at school – Locks and Helmets**

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This is just a friendly reminder that students who bike to school must be wearing a helmet and have a bike lock. Our bike stands are right next to a public road and we need to deter members of the public by locking our bikes at all times.

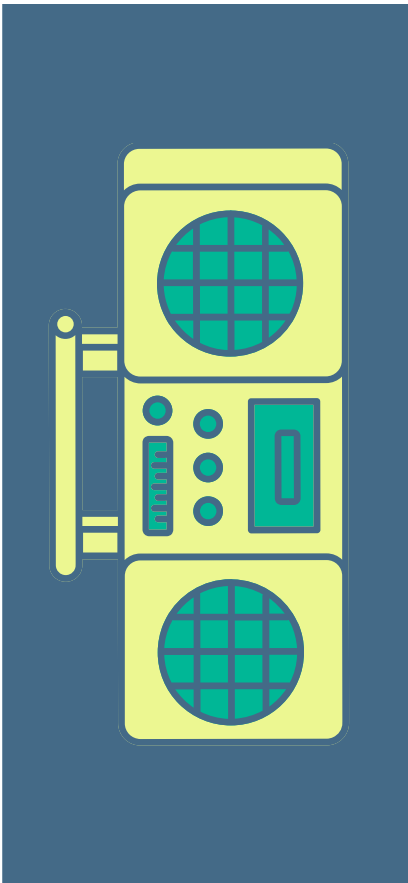
## **Paul Curtis Showcase Night**

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Our wonderful music teacher Paul Curtis will be retiring from full time teaching at the end of this year. To celebrate all he has contributed to the Ponsonby Intermediate School Music Community, we will be hosting a special surprise Showcase night for him next Thursday 30 November at 7pm in the school hall. Please come along for a wonderful night of talented musicians in honour of Paul.



# PAUL CURTIS SHOWCASE NIGHT



**NOV 30  
7PM  
SCHOOL  
HALL**

**A NIGHT OF MUSIC**

To celebrate all that Paul Curtis has done for the Ponsonby Intermediate Music community over the past 23 years.



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**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.

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