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### 7 December 2023

#### Important Dates

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

**12 December** HPV 2<sup>nd</sup> Catch up Boostrix Catch up

#### **13 December** Year 7 Prizegiving 11:00am

HOUSE REWARD 1pm – 3pm

#### **14 December** Year 8 Prizegiving 11:00am

Year 8 students go home at 12:30pm

Year 8 Graduation 6pm Finish at 8:30pm

#### **15 December**

Last Day - Year 7's Only 12pm finish

**30 January** School starts for 2024

## **Principal's Message**

During the past fortnight we have kept the 'Ponsonby Experience' as action packed as possible and curriculum programmes continue on right through into the final week of school.

We have our Year 7 & Year 8 Prizegiving's next week, please note that not every student can receive an award, however every student should feel a sense of achievement as the 'Ponsonby Experience' draws to a close for 2023.

Our Year 8 students are well prepared for secondary school and we have another exciting year planned for the returning Year 7's.

Students will bring home their Yearbook on Thursday 14 December and school reports will be sent by email. Also, keep an eye out for an email from your child's form teacher with some reminders about next week and a final Term wrap up.

Thank you for your support this year,

Nick Wilson Principal

## **Important End of Year Dates:**

**Year 7 Prizegiving** Wednesday 13 December at 11am

House Reward Wednesday 13 December 1pm – 3pm

**Year 8 Prizegiving** Thursday 14 December at 11am - 12:30pm

**Year 8's finish at 12:30pm** and return 6pm for their Graduation

Year 7's finish at 12pm Friday 15 December

## End of Year Prizegiving – Updated Dates and Times

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

The Year 8 prizegiving ceremony will take place on Thursday 14th 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 6pm for the Graduation.

Your child will have been notified on Monday 4th December if they are receiving a prize. 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 attending.

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

We will be celebrating the Year 8 students' two year 'Ponsonby Experience' on Thursday 14th December with a special Graduation Ceremony. A letter outlining this event was sent home on Friday 1 December. This letter provided 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 all 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 attending. There will be parking available on the field.

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

## **Sports Update**

## **Interzone Athletics Championship**

The final sports tournament of the year was the Interzone Athletics Championship held at Mt Smart Stadium last week. There were nine zones represented from across Auckland and between all zones there were 936 student entries! Ponsonby Intermediate Year 7 students Hazel McCready (Discus) and Una Sobocanec (Long Jump) competed in their field events, both putting in great performances. An exciting day out for these young athletes.



## **Overdue Library Books**

We currently have a large number of overdue books from our school library. As the year is coming to a close we would really appreciate having as many books returned as possible. Please check with your child and help them look for books where necessary.

## **English Novels**

Please have your child check if they have any novels from our novel sets - they will be stamped <u>Ponsonby Intermediate School</u> and will have a number written on top of them.

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