

Information Updates and Reminders

It has been great seeing our Year 8's return ready for learning and our Year 7's settling into their new school.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their EOTC information ready for our first EOTC trips. Details of these are below.

Tomorrow you will receive forms that have information about important school policies and procedures, that you need to be made aware of at the beginning of the school year. Please carefully read through the information and return the signed forms to your child's Form Teacher. These are the last forms that need to be signed. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Upcoming Dates for your diaries

Thursday 1st February - Ponsonby Whānau Night - 5:30pm - 7pm

Meet on the basketball court from 5:30pm where we will have a sausage sizzle and drinks available. The formal 'Meet the Teacher' part of the evening will start at 6pm. Then there will be further time to meet and mingle with your class community afterwards. We can't wait to see everyone.

Friday 2nd February - Events and Activities Expo, School Hall - 12:30pm - 1:15pm

This is a chance to find out more about our school in detail. For example - sports programmes, music lessons, after school clubs, Arts opportunities, Kapa Haka, and much more. There will be parking available on the field. Students and parents are all welcome to attend to find out from teachers running activities what is involved.

Tuesday 13th February - Form Teacher Setting up for Success Conferences - from 1pm - 6pm

A chance for you to book in a one-on-one meeting with your child's Form Teacher. It is a great opportunity to discuss priorities and student goal setting for 2024. Booking information will be sent out next week.

The school will close for instruction at 12:30pm this day. Supervision will be available in the Library for students that need this. Please email the office office@ponsint.school.nz if your child requires supervision from 12:30pm – 3:05pm on Tuesday 13th February.

EOTC trips for Wednesday 7th February (Week 2)

Classes Attending	Destination	Departing Ponsonby	Departing Destination
Room 16 & Room 26	Auckland Museum	11:10am	2.30pm
Room 11 & Room 9	MOTAT	11:10am	2:30pm
Room 3 & Room 8	Jump	12.40pm	2.30pm
Room 22 & Room 21 Room 17 & Room 30	Pt Erin Pools	11am	12:30pm
Room 12 & Room 20 Room 15 & Room 25	Pt Erin Pools	1pm	2:40pm
Room 1 and Room 28	Clip N' Climb	12.30pm	2.30pm

Swimming Sports Information

Our School Swimming Sports will be held at Point Erin Pools, Thursday 15th February.

Year 7 Classes:

Assemble on the Basketball Court at 8:35am – walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme begins at 9:00am.

Year 7 students will finish the programme at 12:00pm, wait until the Year 8 students have entered the pool and have lunch upon returning to school.

Year 8 Classes:

Assemble on the Basketball Court 11:00am at the end of Interval. Walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme starts at 12:15pm. Finish at 2.30pm and walk back to school.

All students will need:

Togs, towel, sweater or rain jacket, sunhat, sunscreen, lunch and their drink bottle.

Finals will be held in Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. All events are 33 metres in length, apart from 100m Freestyle. There are 2 fun races if time allows. All students are encouraged to enter at least 2 events, and will accumulate House Points.

If your child cannot participate in the Swimming Sports, please make sure you have organised a note that is to be given to the form teacher on the morning of the event.

There is no use of the Point Erin Tuck-Shop, no chewing gum, energy drinks, fizzy drinks, and no glass bottles to be taken. Full programme at the end of this newsletter.

Stationery

Ideally all students would have arrived with all their stationery on the first day. Please visit the stationery link to purchase stationery <https://www.myschool.co.nz/PonsInt> or visit our website <https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/enrolment/> for more information and a copy of our Parents Handbook.

2024 Costs (5% Discount Ending Soon)

NB: Subject to review

To maintain the high standard of facilities and the educational opportunities/programmes our school now offers, it is necessary to supplement the grant we receive from the Ministry of Education with specific funding via student costs. The Ministry of Education grant does not provide for any of the 'extras' or 'frills' of the educational programme/resources we provide.

We are very aware of the expenses facing parents/caregivers at the beginning of the school year. We have therefore tried to keep costs as low as possible. We are also aware that schools have a terrible habit of asking for money throughout the year for various reasons and know that this becomes an inconvenience for parents/caregivers.

For 2024 we pledge that the total cost asked for now will cover all costs for the entire year's activities/trips with the exception of the Term 4 Class Camp. However there are additional costs for activities such as – Ski Team, Hockey, Netball, Basketball, ICAS exam etc...

Yes, that is correct! We will not ask for money for trips, fundraising activities, educational excursions etc...

Below is a breakdown of costs. The total amount is \$580.00 for the year or \$145.00 per term.

We thank you for your support and trust this format of payment makes it easier for you.

Activity costs are expenses that all schools would collect at the beginning of the year and for such things as Special Events/Trips, Special Programmes, etc. and throughout the year as events occur.

School Donation is optional although we obviously encourage you to pay this and appreciate it greatly if you do. School Donations can be claimed back on your annual tax return.

Costs and Donations can be paid by Automatic Payment, Credit card, Term by Term or the total for the year

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We offer a 5% discount on the full amount of \$580.00 if paid before the end of March 2024.

Sports & EOTC	\$50.00
Special Events/Trips	\$50.00
Options Modules	\$50.00
Printing (including School Magazine)	\$40.00
The Arts	\$50.00
Internet Levy	\$50.00
Transport	\$30.00
Technology	\$110.00
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Activity Costs	\$430.00
School Donation	\$150.00
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Total Per Year	\$580.00
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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.

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.

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.

Our Values are GEMS