

Important Dates

15 February

Swimming Sports

19 February

Year 8 Netball Trials

20 February

Central Zone Girls
Tennis

22 February

Central Zone Boys
Tennis
Water polo Trials

27 February

Central Zone Girls
Softball

29 February

Central Zone Boys
Softball

World Challenge –
Vietnam Trip
Information Evening

5 & 7 March

Core Conferences
(Mathematics and
English)

Principals Message

School has only been back for 11 days and we have achieved a lot already. The students are focused in class and engaged during break times, every day is busy and that is deliberate. Many parents have been to school to the multiple events on offer. I hope you are getting a good understanding of the 'Ponsonby Experience' and feel like part of the whānau.

Yesterday was Year 7 EOTC trips and today we have Swimming Sports at Pt Erin Pools.

You may have heard about the World Challenge trip Ponsonby is offering to Vietnam this year, more information is in this newsletter and an information evening with the World Challenge staff is coming up on Thursday 29 February.

Thanks for your support in attending the 'Setting up for Success Conferences' on Tuesday, it was a huge turnout.

Have a great week

Ngā mihi

Nick Wilson
Principal

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World Challenge – Vietnam Trip

We are excited to announce that our overseas trip is back for 2024! This year the trip will be to Vietnam.

Students have already been informed about this last week in our assembly. The next step in our application process is for parents to attend our Presentation Evening on Thursday 29 February at 6pm in our school hall.

Please register for this evening using this link:
[World Challenge - Ponsonby Intermediate Presentation](#)

Click the 'Register for information presentation' button and fill in the online form.

You will also find an itinerary for the trip on this page [World Challenge - Vietnam Journey](#)

The presentation evening will provide all the information needed to make an informed decision as to whether or not parents would like their child to apply for the trip. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

The trip is not paid for by the school and there is an application process that will be explained at the presentation evening.

Departure form Auckland: 2nd July
Arrival back to Auckland: 11th July

Any further questions please contact: mattb@ponsint.school.nz



School Charter – Community Consultation

Every year, schools are required to review and plan their school Charter for the school year using the National Education Learning Priorities (NELPs).

Ponsonby Intermediate is deeply focused on creating a community of support around our students to make their education experience all that it can be. This year we have had the opportunity to evolve our school charter and as a part of this process we have the opportunity to seek feedback from you as a part of the consultation process.

A school charter sets out priorities and goals for the year that the school works towards to ensure that we are providing the best possible educational outcomes for all students.

We ask that you take some time to look through the Charter in both the context of your child and your expectations of the school. If you would like to provide feedback to us, please use the google form below:

<https://forms.gle/KB9ce9w1kCNQPvGx9>

Sports Update – Trials and Meetings

Table Tennis Club

Fantastic turnout to the Table Tennis club on Monday with around 45+ players! We are fortunate to have Ebi Kleiser and Dinyar Irani, Development Coaches from Auckland Table Tennis Association supporting our students to play this sport. It's all about having fun too - Monday afternoons 3:10pm - 4:00pm.

There has been an impressive number of students expressing an interest to be involved in weekly sports, starting Term 2 - Netball, Water Polo, Hockey, Swim League and Ski/Snowboarding. We welcome and appreciate volunteers to coach and manage teams. Thanks to the many parents/caregivers who have already offered their support. Below are the dates/times for sports trials and parent meetings coming up this term.

Netball

Trials started this week for Year 7s on Monday, Tuesday and Year 8s Wednesday. Trial 2 Y8: Monday 19 February 11am. Call back games: Wednesday 21 February 12pm. Parent/Player meeting: Monday 11 March 6pm in the school hall.

Water Polo

Trials are held at AUT Millennium, Main Pool.

Trial 1: Thursday 22 February 12:30pm-2:30pm

Trial 2: Thursday 7 March 12:30pm-2:30pm

Hockey

Trials are held at school on the covered basketball court (turf).

Trial 1: Monday 4 March 7:30am / Trial 2: tbc

Ski/Snowboarding Parent Meeting

Friday 8 March, 8:30am in the school staffroom.

Swim League

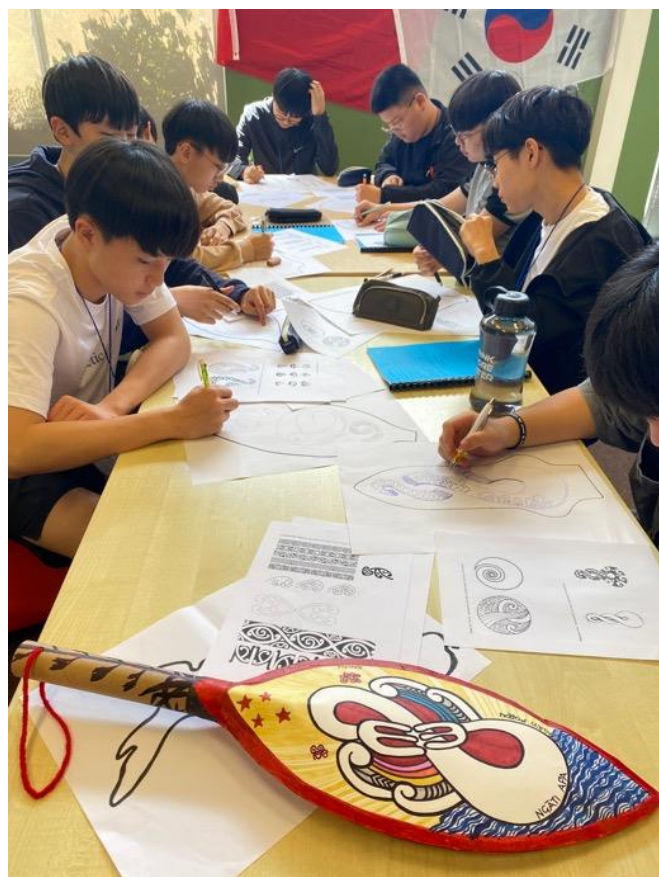
No trials for this event. Swim meet dates will be confirmed.

Swim Team Manager is Brian Dettling briandettling@gmail.com

For further sports information contact Michelle Murray, Sports Coordinator.
michellem@ponsint.school.nz

Korean Manuhiri (Visitors)

Ponsonby Intermediate has visiting international students from Korea. They have joined in with Year 8 classes during the school day, also enjoying PE and playing lunchtime longball games and basketball. Interested in learning more about New Zealand, our Korean manuhiri (guests) have gained some knowledge of Maori art. Students learnt to draw kowhaiwhai patterns, traditional Maori symbols and meanings such as the Koru (spiral), Hei Tiki and the Hei Matau (fish hook). Students sketched their designs onto waka hoe (canoe paddle) templates. With the support of translators the Korean students had fun practising basic te reo words too. It's great to see their enthusiasm for learning and mixing and mingling with the Ponsonby students.





Absences and Lateness

If your child is absent or going to be late to school, please call and leave a message on the school absence line (09) 376 0096 Extn 1, or complete an absence report from the School Website or School App. If you know in advance your child will be away, please email the office and copy in your child's Form Teacher.

If your child is late, they must sign in at the office when they arrive. Please provide a note from a parent/caregiver providing an explanation, this can be written in their Student Planner

For student safety if the school is not notified of your child's absence you will receive a text message.

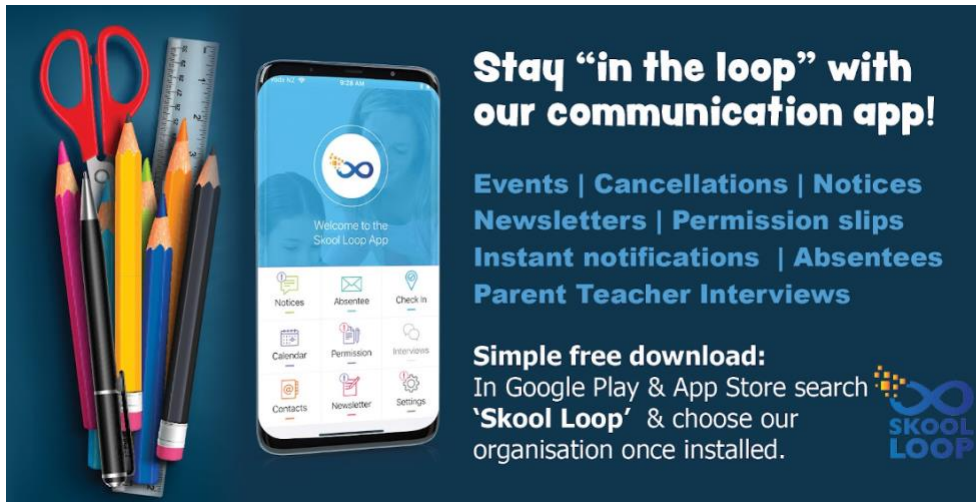
Following Ministry of Education guidelines if the school is not advised of a student's absence they will be marked as truant.

Appointments

If your child has an appointment during the day please arrange to meet them in the office at a designated time and ensure you advise their Form Teacher by email. Students must be signed out by a parent or caregiver registered on their enrolment details.

School App – Sign up please!


Skool Loop App - Ponsonby Intermediate has signed up with Skool Loop to provide easy access to our fortnightly newsletter and notifications of important events. Please download Skool Loop from either the Google Play or App Store and search for Ponsonby Intermediate to keep “in the loop”.



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Parent Teacher Interviews

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School TV – Moving to a new school



SPECIAL REPORT

Moving to a new school



Moving to a new school is a big deal! Your child is going to meet lots of new people and be thrown into new situations. That’s bound to make them feel lots of different emotions. They may feel worried and anxious, but also excited and happy – all at the same time! It is considered to be one of the most important transition periods of a student’s life and can present some significant psychological challenges for both students and parents. Making new friends, learning new routines, discovering new environments, accepting new cultures and adjusting to new learning practices is all part of the process. Some children will sail through this period of change, whilst others may need a bit more guidance. It is important to give your child the chance to feel comfortable in their new space. This may take

a few months, but ensure you keep the lines of communication open and check in regularly with your child to see how they are settling in.

In this Special Report, parents and care givers will be presented with a number of strategies that can be deployed to help ensure a smooth transition.

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/moving-new-school

Ponsonby Calendar - What's Coming Up?

Term 1 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 JAN AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY	30 JAN	31 JAN	1 FEB PONSONBY WHANAU NIGHT	2 FEB EVENTS & ACTIVITIES EXPO
2	5 FEB TABLE TENNIS CLUB STARTS	6 FEB WAITANGI DAY	7 FEB EOTC STARTS (YR8) Y7S NETBALL SKILLS SESSION	8 FEB	9 FEB
3	12 FEB Y7 NETBALL TRIALS TABLE TENNIS CLUB STARTS	13 FEB SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS Y7 NETBALL TRIALS	14 FEB Y8 NETBALL TRIALS	15 FEB SWIMMING SPORTS	16 FEB
4	19 FEB Y8 NETBALL TRIALS 1	20 FEB CZ GIRLS TENNIS	21 FEB CALLBACK NETBALL TRIALS	22 FEB CZ BOYS TENNIS WATER POLO TRIALS COUNCILLORS CAMP	23 FEB COUNCILLORS CAMP
5	26 FEB	27 FEB CZ GIRLS SOFTBALL	28 FEB	29 FEB CZ BOYS SOFTBALL	1 MARCH
6	4 MARCH	5 MARCH CORE CONFERENCES CZ BOYS CRICKET	6 MARCH	7 MARCH CORE CONFERENCES CZ GIRLS CRICKET WATER POLO TRIALS	8 MARCH
7	11 MARCH NETBALL PARENT MTG - HALL TBC	12 MARCH	13 MARCH BURN BRIGHT WORKSHOP	14 MARCH MODULAR CONFERENCES CZ SWIMMING	15 MARCH
8	18 MARCH	19 MARCH CZ ORIENTEERING	20 MARCH AAIMS IZ SWIMMING	21 MARCH HPV1 Y8	22 MARCH MARKET DAY
9	25 MARCH	26 MARCH	27 MARCH COUNCILLORS SOCIAL	28 MARCH HPV1 Y8 G&B - CATCHUP	29 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY
10	1 APRIL EASTER MONDAY	2 APRIL EASTER TUESDAY	3 APRIL CZ LEAGUE TAG	4 APRIL PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS	5 APRIL
11	8 APRIL	9 APRIL	10 APRIL	11 APRIL	12 APRIL END OF TERM

Ponsonby Learning Pathway

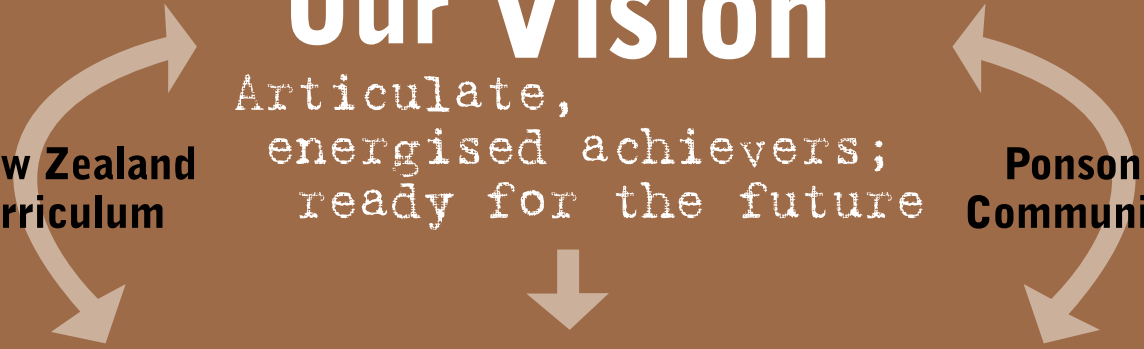


Our Vision

Articulate,
energised achievers;
ready for the future

New Zealand
Curriculum

Ponsonby
Community



At Ponsonby Intermediate we value:

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 a member 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 for, and support each other, inside and outside the classroom.

Personalising Our Path

Specialist Teaching • Outdoor Education • Student Wellbeing (Hauora)

Graduate Profile • Sporting Opportunities • Celebrating the Arts

School Production • Roadshow • Positively Ponsonby Programme • Options Programme

Talent Quest • Leadership Opportunities • Acceleration and Extension

Te Reo and Tikanga • Pastoral Care as Form Teachers • Celebrating Diversity



Key Competencies

Mathematics

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

Humanities

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Managing Self

English

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

The Arts

- Thinking
- Managing Self
- Relating to Others

Technology

- Thinking
- Relating to Others
- Managing Self
- Participating and Contributing



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9 to 11
12 & 13
14 to 16