

## Important Dates

### 27 & 28 February

Immunisation Talks

### 29 February

Central Zone Boys  
Softball

World Challenge –  
Vietnam Information  
Evening @ 6pm  
Please register to attend

### 5 March

Central Zone Boys  
Cricket

### CORE CONFERENCES

3:30 – 7:30pm

### 7 March

Central Zone Girls  
Cricket

Water polo Trials  
@ 12:30pm

### CORE CONFERENCES

3:30 – 7:30pm

### 11 March

Netball Parent  
Meeting 6pm

### 13 March

Burn Bright  
Student Leadership  
Workshop

### 14 March

Central Zone  
Swimming

### MODULAR CONFERENCES

3:30pm – 8:00pm

## Principal's Message

The leadership opportunities at this school are amazing and I encourage students to make the most of these. In our Assembly last week the many different roles were showcased – Eco Warriors, Tech Experts, Librarians, Culture Leaders, Kapa Haka, Sports Captains, Positively Ponsonby reps and more! Sports teams and trials are in full swing and we have over 100 students interested and practicing for Showquest. This may sound “full-on”, however it is our conscious approach to running an intermediate school. Research tells us that young adolescent/middle schoolers who engage in the ‘extras’ also switch on academically. So, please encourage your child to engage.

Coming up is your first opportunity to get some assessment feedback at the Student Led Core Conferences next week. A full breakdown of the reporting process for the year is outlined below.

For those of you interested in the overseas trip this year the information evening is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in the Hall.

You may be aware of the upcoming Market Day. It is designed as a student learning experience, not a school fundraiser, I'll mention more about that next week. However, on a similar subject, School Costs are due, make the most of the 5% discount ending in March.

Have a great week,  
Ngā mihi

**Nick Wilson**  
**Principal**

## In This Week's Issue

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## The Reporting Process

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Twice a year a report will come home, at the end of Terms Two and Four. These will contain grades for every subject area. They will include a report of your child's achievement, measured against the New Zealand Curriculum in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Student Led Conferences with parents, teachers and the student also occur throughout the year. The Modular subjects have conferences half way through their programme – usually about Week Six of each term. The Modular subjects are Art, Performing Arts, Music, Science, Home Economics, Textiles and Design, Exploring Technology, Social Sciences and Learning Languages. We also include Health and Physical Education with the Modular conferences. The Core subjects (Mathematics and English) will have three evenings of Conferences in Term One and two evenings again in Term Three.

Modular subjects operate on a term-by-term basis, while Core subjects are taught throughout the year.

Meetings with relevant teachers can also be arranged by appointment, to discuss individual students.

# Student Led Conferences

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## On Line Conference Booking


Bookings can be made at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> using the school code.

Please include your child's room number.

### Core Conferences:

<p>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30 – 7:30pm</p> <p>Code: <b>2qagm</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/2qagm">https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/2qagm</a></p>	
<p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30 – 7:30pm</p> <p>Code: <b>yr7ey</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/yr7ey">https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/yr7ey</a></p>	
<p>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 1:30 – 6:00pm</p> <p>Code: <b>se7jw</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/se7jw">https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/se7jw</a></p>	

### Modular Conferences

<p>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm - 8:00pm</p> <p>Code: <b>yu8gw</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/yu8gw">https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/yu8gw</a></p>	
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Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier.

Thanks,  
Cobey Bennett  
[cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz)

## **Core Teachers:**

### **English:**

**Katie Fiddian:** Teaching Rooms 11, 17  
**Lauren Collins:** Teaching Rooms 3, 12, 16  
**Charlotte Berry:** Teaching Rooms 9, 25, 30  
**Penelope Dunn:** Teaching Rooms 15, 19, 23  
**Kellie Spencer:** Teaching Rooms 1, 14, 21  
**Charlotte Stone:** Teaching Rooms 8, 26, 28  
**Angela Lane:** Teaching Rooms 18, 20, 22

### **Maths:**

**Ian Wannamaker:** Teaching Rooms, 12, 21, 25, 30  
**Jane Jeon:** Teaching Rooms 1, 17, 18, 22  
**Katherine Busch:** Teaching Rooms 15, 19, 23, 28  
**Kristen Rees:** Teaching Rooms 3, 9, 16, 20  
**Andrea Sherrock:** Teaching Room 8, 11, 14, 26

## **Module Teachers:**

**Design and Textiles: Cobey Bennett**  
Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28

**Design and Textiles: Brooke Jameson**  
Teaching Room: 14

**Art: Sarah Valintine**  
Teaching Rooms: 3, 14, 20, 28

**Art: Racheal Wilson**  
Teaching Rooms: 3, 22

**Performing Arts: Christine Cullen**  
Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 12, 21

**Music: Claire Holmes**

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 12, 21

**Health & P.E: Holly Brittin**

P.E & Health - Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 15, 17, 19, 23, 28

P.E - Teaching Rooms: 11, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22

**Health & P.E: Michelle Murray**

PE & Health - Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 14, 20, 25, 26, 30

Health - Teaching Rooms: 11, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22

**Home Economics: Kelly Richardson**

Teaching Rooms: 15, 17, 18, 25, 30

**Science: Sione Taupeaafa**

Teaching Rooms: 15, 17, 18, 25, 30

**Science: Jaimi Athy-Timmins**

Teaching Rooms: 1, 16, 19, 23, 26

**Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson**

Teaching Rooms: 1, 16, 19, 23, 26

**Social Sciences: Sarah Howie**

Teaching Rooms: 8, 11, 14, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28, 30

**Social Sciences: Brooke Jameson**

Teaching Room: 17

**Learning Languages: Holly Francis**

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22

**Learning Languages: Brooke Jameson**

Teaching Room: 25

## World Challenge – Vietnam Trip

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We have our presentation evening this **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm in our school hall**. A representative from World Challenge will give a presentation of the trip, followed by questions from parents/caregivers and students.

If you have not signed up to attend this evening, you can do so by clicking the link below:

[World Challenge Presentation Evening Registration](#)

We will also explain our application process. Not all students who apply will be able to go, as we are limited by numbers and ratios.

The process will consist of a letter of application and an interview with the teachers attending.

If you have any further questions, please contact [mattb@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:mattb@ponsint.school.nz)



## Showquest 2024

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This week we are auditioning for our big Performing Arts focus - Showquest. This is a competition where we must tell a story through dance, drama and music. The successful students will perform at Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre in Term 2. Leading up to the auditions, students have been able to participate in workshops to understand the nature of the work. These have been a lot of fun with over 150 students attending.

This year's Showquest piece is titled **"Unapologetically Me"** and explores what it means to celebrate all that you are and what shapes you.

## Market Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

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Students are busy signing up for and planning their Market Day stalls for our upcoming Market Day. We will have weekly meetings to teach the children about the responsibilities of running a market stall and Maths teachers will focus on financial literacy as well. This week's Market Day meeting on Thursday will focus on product choice and planning. Students will receive a planning template for organising roles and responsibilities as well as supply and demand

focus. All children signing up for Market Day stalls need to have discussed this with parents before they sign up. This week it would be good to look at the Planning Sheets with your child so they understand expectations clearly. Thank you for your support whānau. Market Day is a highlight of the year for everyone and we know families love being a part of it too.



## Sports Update

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### Year 8 Basketball Season

Our Year 8 Basketball season is commencing Monday 4th March. We have 9 Year 8 teams this year and will be on track for a record number when we get our Year 7 teams up and running early in Term 2.

For our Year 8 Basketball supporters, please check your emails for information regarding access to the draw. We are still after a few team managers and coaches to assist with the season, we heavily rely upon our amazing parent volunteers to help us cater for the amount of teams we have.

If you have any questions about the approaching season please get in touch ([samj@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:samj@ponsint.school.nz))

Year 7's...we will be starting sign ups towards the end of Term 1, with trials commencing early in Term 2.

## Central Zone Tennis

Ponsonby has had a great start to its 2024 Central Zone sporting season. Tennis was the first sport with the girl's day on Tuesday 20th, followed by the boys on the 22nd February.

Our girls had tremendous success, with Maia Martin finishing 2nd place in the Year 8 Girl's Singles. Amy Shaw and Zoe Shortall also placed 3rd in the Year 8 Girl's Doubles.

On the Thursday, Fedde Berry and Flynn McGregor continued on with the podium success, finishing 2nd in the Year 8 Boy's Doubles.

Milo Holloway and Noah Xharra Bates had some tremendous matches in the Year 7 Boys Doubles Division and Aleph Reade-Shareef had some great wins and some tough match-ups as our only Boy's Singles competitor.

## Central Zone Sport

We have Softball, Cricket, Orienteering and League tag yet to come in our Term 1 Central Zone sporting calendar. If your child is interested in any of these please remind them to be attentive during the daily notices each morning and to attend trials.

## School TV

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We have a wonderful resource available for you to access. Throughout the year we will share topics that may be of interest to you and support your child's journey. As our Year 7's have started, this can be a big transition for them, and maybe your child is new to the school in Year 8. Check out the blurb and click on the link to see more information.



Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or embarking on a journey through secondary school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing up!

However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at a number of different stages. These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents.



In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn practical strategies to assist children during the transition process and reduce stress and anxiety levels.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the **School Transitions** edition of SchoolTV:

<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions>

If you have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact your child's form teacher or our Guidance Coordinator Rachel Maitland-Smith at [rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz).

## Absences and Lateness

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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

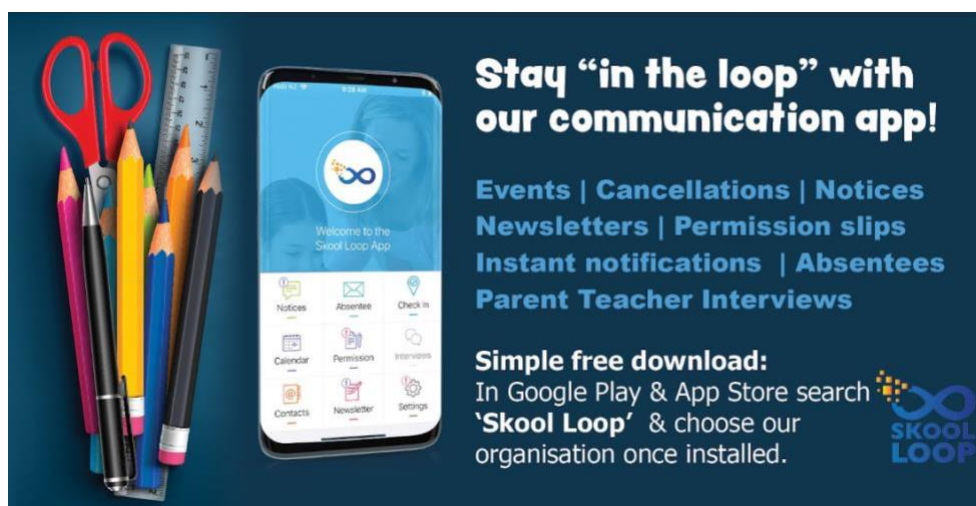
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If your child has an appointment during the day please arrange to meet them in the office at a designated time and ensure you advise their Form Teacher by email. Students must be signed out by a parent or caregiver registered on their enrolment details.

## School App

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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".



## 2024 Costs (5% Discount Ending Soon)

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### **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

**Ponsonby Intermediate - ASB a/c - 12 3019 0486833 01**

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

Sports and Ed. Outside the Classroom	\$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	<b>\$430.00</b>
School Donation	<b>\$150.00</b>
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Total Per Year	<b>\$580.00</b>
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**Notification: Paid union meetings are being held between 18 March and 5 April 2024 for teacher members of NZEI Te Riu Roa covered by the following collective agreements:**

- Primary Teachers' (including deputy and assistant principals & other unit holders) Collective Agreement (PTCA)
- Area Schools Teachers' Collective Agreement (ASTCA)

NZEI Te Riu Roa leaders are calling paid union meetings for members to discuss and consider important issues, including how we might collectively:

- Ensure the historic Mana Taurite | pay equity process properly values the skills, and intellectual and emotional effort of our work as teachers
- Shape union priorities for 2024

**Ponsonby Intermediate staff have chosen the least disruptive date for our community.**

**That date is Thursday 28 March - 12:30pm**

The school will be closed for instruction. Please email [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz) should your child require supervision here at school from 12.30pm – 3.05pm.



# Ponsonby Intermediate School

## OPEN DAYS



### Open Morning Dates

- Tuesday 14th May
- Thursday 6th June
- Tuesday 11th June
- Wednesday 12th June
- Tuesday 30th July
- Tuesday 20th August

### Registration for visits

[office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz)

**TOUR 1: 9:15AM**  
**TOUR 2: 9:45AM**  
**TOUR 3: 11:00AM**

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ready for the future

# 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 <b>SWIMMING SPORTS</b>	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 <b>MARKET DAY</b>
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

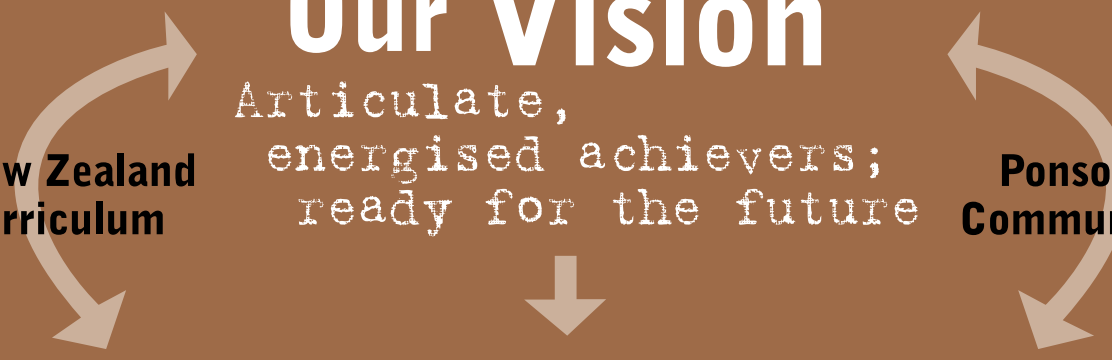


## Our Vision

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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# Our Values are GEMS





**10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**MAXIMUM 9 STUDENTS**

**QUESTIONS - EMAIL : [hello@thedesignroom.co.nz](mailto:hello@thedesignroom.co.nz)**

**[BOOK ONLINE - WWW.THEDESIGNROOM.CO.NZ](http://WWW.THEDESIGNROOM.CO.NZ)**  
**Full information about the workshop is available on the website**

**\*\*\*KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING COURSES\*\*\***



# iSOOTH

kids sore throat study

## Volunteers Needed

### Children (3 – 14 years)

Streptococcus A (or Strep A for short) are bacteria and a common cause of sore throats (strep throat) in children. Most Strep A infections are mild, but the bacteria can also cause serious diseases like rheumatic fever.

This study is an important step towards creating a vaccine for Strep A.

#### What this study involves

- Three home visits throughout the year where samples will be collected (throat swabs, finger-prick blood, and saliva).
- An extra home visit is arranged if your child experiences a sore throat.

A Koha for participation is available.



If your child would like to participate in the study, please complete the form using the QR code.

