

Important Dates

14 March

Modular Conferences
3:30pm – 8pm

Central Zone
Swimming

19 March

Central Zone
Orienteering

BoT Meeting 6pm

20 March

Polyfest
EOTC Year 8
Inter

21 March

Core Conferences –
1:30pm – 6pm

**School finishes at
12:30pm for all
students**

HPV Immunisations
– Year 8's

22 March

MARKET DAY

28 March

NZEI Paid Union
Meetings

**School finishes at
12:30 pm for all
students**

29 March

GOOD FRIDAY

Principal's Message

The up-coming **Market Day - Friday 22 March** is always a highlight of the 'Ponsonby Experience' and I encourage parents and whānau to attend. It is important to note the entrepreneurial factor involved for the students. We have been spending time at school discussing financial literacy and how their day can be successful. It is a fantastic authentic learning opportunity to be embraced by our young, forward thinking students. What an excellent example of *Articulate, energized achievers; ready for the future.*

We ask that parents and caregivers monitor and support their children where necessary with the planning and organisation, to ensure students are prepared and equipped on the day. We welcome parents and caregivers to come along and support their children or to simply enjoy lunch and shopping at the market.

On a personal note, this week I enjoyed attending a team building leadership day with the councillors and working with our Eco Warriors. Unfortunately, the Central Zone Cricket was cancelled – we had some seriously good looking teams, but playing hard ball in the rain is not an option.

Today, we have all students in leadership positions attending the 'Burn Bright Workshop'. Opportunities for students to join leadership positions are ongoing and will continue to be offered throughout the year.

Finally, thanks for your messages of support lately, we have an amazing team of staff here at Ponsonby who work tirelessly for the students, let them know! A pat on the back is worth a million.

Ngā mihi,

Nick Wilson
Principal

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Market Day Update

A large number of our students are getting organised for next week's Market Day. We have a marketing meeting this week where stall holders can consider how they will best advertise and market their stalls. A separate Market Day notice will be sent this week with specific information for parents, stall holders and all shoppers.

Information for Market Day Stallholders

Market Day: Friday 22nd March

Time: 12:30pm – 1:45pm

Parents, please talk to you children about the following:

- What are your price points for items and what change will you need to have in your float on the day?
- How much product do you want to sell?
- How much product do you think you will sell?
- How much will your product cost to produce vs what you sell it for?
- Are there many other stalls that are selling the same product as you?
- How will you transport everything to school on the day and how will it keep?
- If you are having a stall on your own, how will you be able to look at the Market Day yourself?

- Can you have everything prepared and set up during Period 4 on Friday to start selling at lunchtime?
- What does your sign look like? How can you make it stand out? How will you communicate your stall and price points? (We will go through this thoroughly with stallholders at this week's meeting)

We love to see parents supporting Market Day so please come down and support these entrepreneurial students. We hope that we will have a stall that will be selling coffee for parents on the day, like some students set up last year.

Paid Union Meeting – NZEI – Thursday 28th March

The school has chosen **Thursday 28th March** to attend the NZEI Te Riu Roa, primary teachers and principals union meeting. We see it as the least disruptive day for parents and student learning programmes - it is the afternoon before Good Friday.

We need to ensure teaching is an attractive profession for people to join and stay in, many schools are having to make sacrifices because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means the normal afternoon programmes (Music Assembly and Options) on **Thursday 28th March between 1:20pm and 3:05pm** will not take place while staff attend the meeting. The school library will be staffed and remain open until 3:05pm. Please email office@ponsint.school.nz if you require supervision for your child.

We really appreciate your continued support.

Sports Update

Boys' Softball

Both our Year 7 and Year 8 boys' softball teams had incredible results at a recent Central Zone sports day. While up against tough competition and some very specialised opponents, both teams managed to make it through their respective pools and into the semi-finals.

Both teams finished 3rd on the day which is an incredible effort.

Thank you to the parents who came to support.

Ponsonby Intermediate has had a great start to the year with their Central Zone sports placings. Here's to more amazing results to come.



Blake Cosgrove, Sam Marshall, Lachlan Reynolds, Connor Ruane, Dante Lam, Fedde Berry, Kingsleigh Aitogi, Millen Blijlevens, Flynn McGregor and Sam Peters made up a strong Year 8 side.

Basketball update

Year 8 - Thank you to all our parents and caregivers involved with our Year 8 basketball. Be it team coach, manager, working the score bench or simply providing transport. A massive thank you to everyone for assisting with such a smooth start to the season!

Hopefully by now everyone is ok with their team comms and are able to find the draws. Please get in touch with any questions (samj@ponsint.school.nz)

Year 7 - In the next few weeks I will be putting out a basketball permission slip for our Year 7 players. This will include information regarding the season ahead and prices involved with the sport at Ponsonby Intermediate. **I will need all forms back before students are able to trial.** Trial dates will be communicated to the students once I have fitted them into our busy school calendar. Year 7's will not start their competition until Term 3 but Term 2 is a great time to get teams together, get them training and to get ready for the upcoming season.

Student Led Conferences – Core and Modular

Important reminder to parents and caregivers:

- Please note that Thursday **21st March** is a half day for students. **School finishes at 12:30pm**. Please email the school if your child requires supervision, office@ponsint.school.nz
- Jane Jeon, Ian Wannamaker and Andrea Sherrock are doing an extra evening for those parents who missed out due to previous cancellations. This catch-up evening will be held on the same night as the Modular Conferences – Thursday 14th March (link below)

Online 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>Thursday 21st March – 1:30 – 6:00pm</p> <p>Code: se7jw</p> <p>https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/se7jw</p>	
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Catch-Up Sessions - Jane Jeon, Ian Wannamaker, Andrea Sherrock

<p>Thursday 14th March 3:30pm - 8:00pm</p> <p>Code: kufm7</p> <p>https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/kufm7</p>	
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Modular Conferences

Thursday 14th March 3:30pm - 8:00pm

Code: **yu8gw**

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/yu8gw>



Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier.

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

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

Thank you to all of the families who came along to our World Challenge information night and for expressing interest. We are taking applications for the trip over the next week and will begin interviewing candidates following this. All application letters for the trip can be sent to katief@ponsint.school.nz by Tuesday 19th March. This needs to be a small letter to say why you are interested and what you want to get out of the experience. Any questions please contact me or Troy at World Challenge.

tgreenem@worldchallenge.com.au

It's going to be a fantastic experience for our group. Keep the applications coming in.



Councillors Day

Our core councillors headed out on their Councillors Day out on Wednesday to focus on team work, leadership and to plan out aspects of the school year. The group shared great thoughts on what leadership means to them and what they bring to the group. Their first challenge was White Water Rafting at Wero Adventure Park. This put the idea of team work to the test to work together to get in time to achieve a common goal.

We next headed to Cornwall Park for lunch and worked on sculptures on what Ponsonby Intermediate meant to them. There were wonderful stories told about our school and how they see it. We are so proud of the mahi our councillors have been putting in so far this term. Upcoming Councillor events: Market Day, Councillors Social, Great House Race and Talent Quest. We will be voting for our next round of councillors this Friday.



Polyfest 2024

Ponsonby Intermediate School are lucky enough to be able to take up to 50 students to ASB Polyfest Schools Day this year. Students involved in this trip received a permission slip on Friday. Please return these forms ASAP please. We also need three parent helpers to join us on the day to ensure we have the correct ratios. If you are able to join us please contact hollyf@ponsint.school.nz

ASB Polyfest celebrates Auckland's youth and cultural diversity with speech, song and dance. Through competitive and non-competitive sections, Auckland secondary school students prepare traditional speech and performances that are aligned to the festival's theme for the year, with compositions to fit aspects of their respective culture. With six stages to choose from (Māori, Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Cook Islands, Diversity), ASB Polyfest is one of the largest cultural festivals in the world.

This year ASB Polyfest is providing a specialised programme for Primary/Intermediate students (Years 4 – 8) to experience the festival on Wednesday 20 March 2024. Schools Day Programme allows for students to participate in fun, interactive, educational activation workshops – hosted by education institutions, government organisations, community groups, and creative industries; learn about the different cultures that are part of ASB Polyfest; and see performances and speeches in action.

Uniform Order - School Hoodie and Trackpants

You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) and track pants including our new cotton material track pants using the link below (track pant pictures below - cotton on the left). Ordering for this garment is now open and closes on the last day of Term 1 – Friday 12 April.

Your child also has the option of having their name on the back of the hoodie. Guidelines for the name are outlined on the website. Please read these carefully before placing an order. If you need to try on sample sizes, these are available at the office to try on after school. This top is not compulsory for all students to have, it is a choice and not a required part of the school uniform.

<https://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/ponsonby-intermediate/>



2024 Costs (5% Discount Ending Soon) Repeat Notice

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	\$430.00
School Donation	\$150.00
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Total Per Year	\$580.00
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Camps 2024

In Term 4 Week 1 (15th October – 18th October), all classes at Ponsonby Intermediate will be attending a camp. All of these camps require parent help which we will be requesting early in Term 2. In the meantime, if you are interested in helping out with camp, please make a note of the dates above.

More information to come in Term 2.

Year 7 Camps	Year 8 Camps
<p><u>Hunua Falls</u> Cherie Bolesworth Cobey Bennett 20 Lauren Collins 12 Jaimi Athy-Timmins 14</p> <p><u>Shakespear Lodge</u> Penelope Dunn 23 Brooke Jameson 19</p> <p><u>Chosen Valley</u> Angela Lane 22 Sarah Valintine 18 Kellie Spencer 21</p> <p><u>Willow Park</u> Michelle Murray Ian Wannamaker 30 Holly Britten 17</p>	<p><u>Camp Bentzon</u> Katie Fiddian Chrissie Cullen 11 Charlotte Berry 9 Kristen Rees 3 Sam Hislop</p> <p><u>Carey Park</u> Sarah Howie 25 Andrea Sherrock 26 Sione Taupeeafe 15 Jane Jeon 1</p> <p><u>Marsden Bay</u> Kelly Richardson 16 Charlotte Stone 8 Katherine Busch 28 Andy Wilson</p>



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

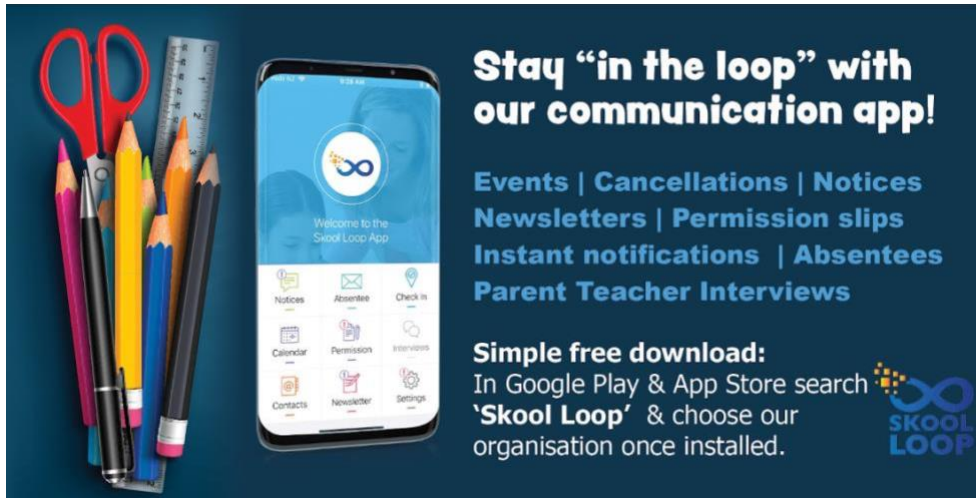
office@ponsint.school.nz

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

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School App


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”.



Stay “in the loop” with our communication app!

Events | Cancellations | Notices
Newsletters | Permission slips
Instant notifications | Absentees
Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store search ‘Skool Loop’ & choose our organisation once installed.



School TV – School Refusal

In this edition of SchoolTV - SCHOOL REFUSAL

School refusal, sometimes called school avoidance or school phobia, is not uncommon. It is different to ‘wagging’ or truancy and is often related to worry or anxiety-related issues about going to school. School refusal may start gradually or happen suddenly. Although it is normal for a child to occasionally miss a day of school, parents should only be concerned if a child regularly complains about feeling sick or often asks to stay home due to minor physical complaints.

School refusal is a complex issue as there is rarely a single cause. It affects children of all ages across primary and secondary levels. It can often occur during times of transition at school. More recently, the Coronavirus pandemic has disrupted the educational experience of all students, affecting some more than others. Dealing with a school refusal child can affect the whole family, adding pressure to an already challenging time. School refusal is not considered a formal psychiatric diagnosis. It’s a name given to an emotional and/or behavioural problem. In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers will learn how best to approach this issue and work towards a solution.

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 Refusal** edition of SchoolTV

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

If you have concerns about your student's attendance do get in contact with your form teacher, or the Guidance Coordinator rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz

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

Ponsonby Calendar

Term 1 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	11 MARCH NETBALL PARENT MTG - HALL	12 MARCH	13 MARCH BURN BRIGHT WORKSHOP	14 MARCH MODULAR CONFERENCES MATHS CORE CONFERENCE CATCH-UP 3.30PM-8PM CZ SWIMMING	15 MARCH
8	18 MARCH	19 MARCH CZ ORIENTEERING BOT MEETING	20 MARCH AAIMS IZ SWIMMING ASB POLYFEST 8.15AM DEPARTURE	21 MARCH CORE CONFERENCES 1:30PM - 6:00PM SCHOOL CLOSED @ 12.30PM HPV1 Y8	22 MARCH MARKET DAY 12:30PM - 1:45PM
9	25 MARCH	26 MARCH	27 MARCH	28 MARCH HPV1 Y8 G&B - CATCHUP PAID UNION MEETING SCHOOL CLOSED @ 12.30PM	29 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY
10	1 APRIL EASTER MONDAY	2 APRIL EASTER TUESDAY	3 APRIL CZ LEAGUE TAG	4 APRIL PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS COUNCILLORS SOCIAL 7PM-8.30PM	5 APRIL
11	8 APRIL	9 APRIL	10 APRIL	11 APRIL	12 APRIL END OF TERM



SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

SEWING & DESIGN

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS:
SCREENPRINTING, SEWING, DESIGN



\$95

ALL MATERIALS
SUPPLIED

**9AM-
3PM**

BOOK ONLINE - WWW.THEDESIGNROOM.CO.NZ

Full information about the workshop is available on the website

QUESTIONS - EMAIL : hello@thedesignroom.co.nz

MAXIMUM 10 STUDENTS

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

A fantastic opportunity for your child!

Shine Speech & Drama classes inspire confidence and imagination, helping students communicate effectively and build self-belief that helps them succeed in life. We are very excited to be offering after school classes on Tuesdays at Ponsonby Community Centre.

Here's what people are saying about Shine's lessons ...

"He got up and spoke in front of the school. He would never have done that before"
— James' Mum

"Thank you so much for calmly and reassuringly, through zoom after zoom, guiding the boys' through their tasks. Thank you for all the extra energy and organisation that has gone into all of this. You've been simply fantastic!" - Catherine

"...the best speech and drama teacher working in New Zealand today." NZ Herald.

Lessons will be taught by Brooke Williams, a graduate of Toi Whakaari-The New Zealand Drama School and stage and screen actress. Brooke's credits include Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D and the Syfy drama 12 Monkeys. She has worked extensively in theatre and on television and film projects in New Zealand, the U.S.A, Canada and Australia.

SHINE SPEECH & DRAMA covers:

- public speaking
- acting skills
- voice (projection and articulation)
- reading aloud skills
- positive body language
- storytelling
- relationship skills

Register here <https://www.shine.school.nz/enrol-ponsonby-community-centre>

Any questions please see our website <https://www.shine.school.nz/>, email shine@shine.school.nz or call Nina on 021-160 9197