

Important Dates

28 March

NZEI Paid Union
Meetings

**School closed for
instruction from
12:30pm**

29 March

GOOD FRIDAY

2 April

**Easter Tuesday – No
School**

4 April

School Photos

Bright and White
School Social
7:00 – 8:30pm

11 April

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

12 April

End of Term 1
3:05pm

29 April

Start of Term 2

3 May

Great House Race

Principal's Message

As an intermediate school and only having the students here for two years, we aim to build school culture and the 'Ponsonby Experience' as quickly as possible. All the events, activities, trips, sports, arts and culture are deliberately planned to help us achieve this. Our new Year 7 students have been fantastic and our plans have worked. They are fully engaged and loving the great pulse this school has, there is respect in class, assemblies and the playground. We know how to use the rubbish bins too!

Thank you to those who attended Market Day and supported our tamariki, it was an awesome day for all and a great learning experience. Mrs Fiddian and the Councillors organised Market Day superbly ... can you believe the school was all packed up and back to normal by 2:40pm!

Tomorrow, teachers attend a Paid Union Meeting, formal classes finish at lunchtime (12.30pm), however we do offer supervision until 3.05pm, please let us know in advance if this is required.

Please email the office office@ponsint.school.nz

One of our School Trustees has moved on, creating a vacancy on the Board, if this is something you may be interested in please reach out for a chat.

This school has always had a robust policy around turning off phones and handing them in to be locked away at the start of the day. Next term, we will begin a "phones off at the gate" policy.

Happy Easter

Nick Wilson
Principal

In This Week's Issue...

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Paid Union Meeting - Thursday 28 March – Repeat Notice

The school has chosen **Thursday 28th March** to attend the NZEI Te Riu Roa, primary teachers and principals union meeting. **School will be closed for instruction from 12.30pm on Thursday 28th March.** 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.

Showcase – Rooms 8, 9, 11, 12 and 21

Showcase is happening on the last Thursday of Term 1, **Thursday 11th April 1.30pm– 3:00pm** in the hall. Classes presenting are Rooms 8, 9, 11, 12 and 21, each class will have 15 minutes to showcase what they have been learning. They will present items including drama, music and dance. All parents are most welcome to come for their child's class performance. Rm 8 will perform at approximately 1.30pm, Rm 12 - 1.45pm, Rm 9 - 2.00pm, Rm 21 - 2.15pm and Rm 11 - 2.30pm.

Learning Centre Open Morning

Learning Centre Open Morning will take place on **Tuesday 7th May at 8:45am** in the Learning Centre. This will be a chance for you to learn more about the programmes your child is involved in and meet the teachers and Learning Assistants supporting your child.

Polyfest

Kia ora whānau, on **Wednesday 20th March** we took 50 students to Polyfest. A festival showcasing New Zealand's diverse cultures and youth performance. We were able to watch a range of groups including Kapa Haka, Niuean, Indian and Chinese performances. There were also a range of stands and stalls including Pasifika health, fire safety, science and celebrations of our different languages and cultures. The student had an amazing time, ate delicious food and even got their hair braided.



Big, Bright and White Social

Next **Thursday 4th April** we are having our first social of the year. This is the Big, Bright and White Social. Tickets are on sale now from the Room 11 window at intervals. This is a councillor run event and will take place from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. **Parents MUST pick up their children from inside the hall.**

**BIG BRIGHT
AND WHITE
SOCIAL**

\$5 TICKETS

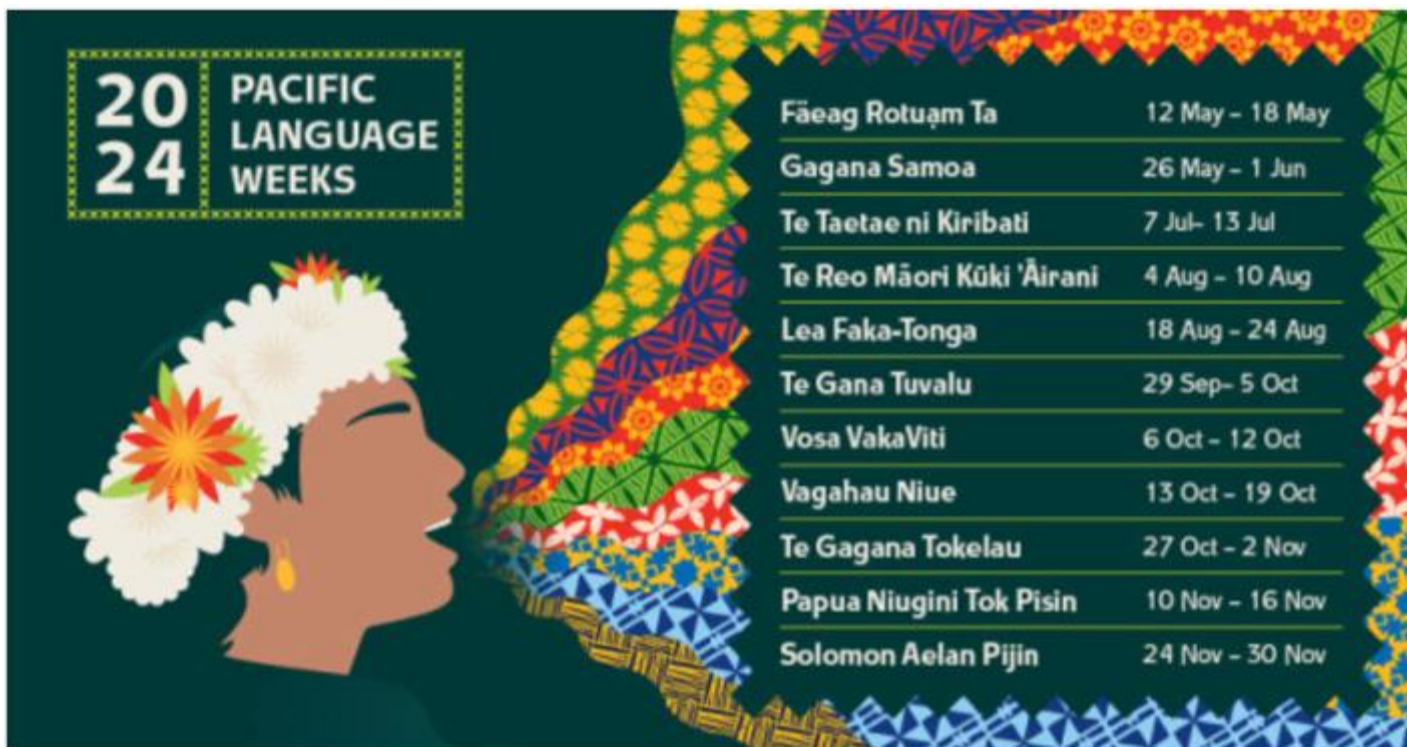
**THURSDAY 4th April
7.00-8.30pm**

CHIPS AND DRINKS ON SALE \$2

**TICKETS ON SALE FROM ROOM 11 WINDOW
MONDAY 25TH MARCH**

Pacific Language Weeks

In Term 2, we will begin celebrating the Pacific Language Weeks. These are a wonderful opportunity for students to share their culture and learn about others. If you or your whānau would like to get involved, please send an email to hollyf@ponsint.school.nz and we can start planning. To kick-start the celebrations, we will have a whole school 'Pacific Island Style' day on Friday 10th May. Students can wear lavalava, lei, flowers, traditional Pacific clothes, or any colours and patterns that are inspired by the beautiful Pacific.



Fāeag Rotuam Ta	12 May - 18 May
Gagana Samoa	26 May - 1 Jun
Te Taetae ni Kiribati	7 Jul- 13 Jul
Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani	4 Aug - 10 Aug
Lea Faka-Tonga	18 Aug - 24 Aug
Te Gana Tuvalu	29 Sep- 5 Oct
Vosa VakaViti	6 Oct - 12 Oct
Vagahau Niue	13 Oct - 19 Oct
Te Gagana Tokelau	27 Oct - 2 Nov
Papua Niugini Tok Pisin	10 Nov - 16 Nov
Solomon Aelan Pijin	24 Nov - 30 Nov

Market Day

Last week's Councillor Market Day was a hugely successful event and we are proud of the hard work that all students put into the stalls. Thank you to all of the parents that came along on the day to support this amazing event. I'm sure everyone went home with full bellies and some great items. Please discuss with children how they felt their first business went and what they might do differently if they were to do this again. I bought a lot of books from our second hand book sellers to add to our form class libraries to boost our SSR programme.



Burn Bright – Student Leadership Workshop

On **Wednesday 13th March** we had our Burn Bright Workshop to help provide guidance and support to our school wide leadership groups. The students had a great day learning about what it means to be a leader and how they can make their mark on the world. We will be running another workshop later in the year for some of our other leadership groups and any leaders that missed out. Check out our PPTV to see more of what Burn Bright is all about.



Sports Update

CZ Swimming

On Thursday 14th March a group of Year 7's and 8's went to Diocesan School for Girls to compete in Central Zone Swimming. It was a big day for everyone, especially for the people who made it into finals. Well done to Amy Shaw, Sarah Bannan, Aliosha Mikhailov, Nikita McDonald, Felicity Parkins, Xavier Timmers, Angie Broughton and Izzy Cole. And a special well done to Ted Utemov, Ella Wilson-Winiata and Maddie Dettling for making it to Inter Zones and on placing in a few races. Thank you to Mrs Lane for being Team Manager and coming and making this day possible. Stay sporty Ponsonby!! - by Madison Dettling.



Orienteering

This year's Central Zone Orienteering event saw a record number of participants, 70 students attended the day at Monte Cecilia Park. Ponsonby Intermediate prides itself on being able to provide opportunities to our learners and this was certainly on display with the sheer volume of students who participated.

The day consisted of 6 different courses, with students in teams of 4-6 students. Each student in a team had to navigate around a different course to their team mate before making it to the finish. We had some incredible performances on the day, with 2 teams and 3 individuals progressing through to the Inter Zone day next term.

Well done to Ben Molloy, Laki Pillai and William Harbord who all came 1st on their respective courses on the day and will be representing the school at Inter Zone Orienteering next term. They will be joined by two teams; Fedde Berry, Dante Lam, Flynn McGregor, Sam Peters, Elliot Peters, Ben Molloy and Amy Shaw, Lucie Klein, Olivia Wong, Siyao Zhu and Blanca Ebbett.

League Tag Boys

Our League Tag Boys took on some stiff competition at our Central Zone tag tournament. With minimal practise under our belts, we charged into our first game against Wesley and came out with a win. Our second game saw us face a very strong St Paul's team, and while we didn't win, the crew still communicated well and really progressed as a team. Side note, St Paul's went on to win the whole day.

We went on to draw with ANI, before losing an incredible final game to Remuera 5-6, which saw us placed 6th on the day.

The boys all showed incredible resilience, amazing communication and were all very positive in the face of some tough matches. Their final placing does not truly reflect the skills and game-play they displayed on the day and they should all be incredibly proud of their performances. Well done to Obee McComb, Baxter Gibson, Blake Cosgrove, Fedde Berry, Flynn McGregor, August Buissink, Barnaby Yelash, Te Kaia Ramsay, Cameron Molloy, Ryder Beard, Max Thomason, Billy Armstrong and Shane Waterhouse.

League Tag Year 7 & 8 Girls

On Monday morning 25th March, the League Tag Girls went down to Grey Lynn Park to compete against other schools. We did a great job out there since we had minimal practice. We came 6th out of 10 teams. First, we played against Mt Roskill, sadly, we lost this game but came back strong on our second game against Wesley. We smashed them by 8 points, with the score of 10 - 2. Next, we went up against Waikōwhai, it was a super close game 4-6, but we unfortunately lost. Our last pool game was against Waiheke College and we happily won 4-0. Our final game was for 5th and 6th and we played against Royal Oak. We placed 6th overall, same as the boys team. We were so happy to have such an outstanding team, their skills and positivity levelled us up throughout the day.

A very special thanks to all the girls that participated and another very special thanks to all the parents who were there to encourage us and help out. But the player of the day goes to Ms Jeon - thanks for making this day super fun!

Well done to Iva Bernard, London Samania-Tuioti, Jade Paykel, Harriet Sinclair, Greta Beuth, Ivanna Marin Linarez, Zoe Shortall, Irie Tanu, Izzy Roberts, Ella Wilson-Winiata, Blanca Ebbett, Maia Martin, Hazel McCready and Phoebe Robinson. Super proud of us all!



Board of Trustees Vacancy

Do you have the skills and willingness to give back to our school? We seek a parent representative to help with school governance. The Board meets twice a term on Tuesdays at 6pm. If you would like to find out more about this position please contact Nick Wilson - nickw@ponsint.school.nz

Message from the current Board of Trustees

The importance of board membership at Intermediate.

Intermediate years are a critical transition time for our children, and Ponsonby takes a specialist role over this period supporting both students and working with their families. The personal changes, socially and physically, and the changes in the way in which learning is structured should not be underestimated, and the role of board is incredibly important to setting the direction our school takes around these important issues. Despite this, the relatively short 2 year period of attendance means it is always a challenge to maintain a strong board. We have a vision of being the #1 school in the country for managing students through this period, and giving them the best possible head-start for high school, if this is a position you are interested in please make contact.

School TV – Understanding Adolescence



Adolescence is the transitional stage of development that is usually associated with the teenage years. In 2018, the Australian Curriculum Assessment Authority, redefined adolescence as affecting young people aged between 10-24 years. During this time, they experience rapid physical, cognitive and psychosocial growth which affects how teenagers feel, think, make decisions and interact with the world around them.

During adolescence, a child's brain can be considered as being “under-construction”. The rate at which this progresses will vary depending on the individual and also their gender. As a result, some parents may view adolescence as stressful or difficult. However, it does not need to be. Setting boundaries, implementing consistent monitoring and maintaining a strong and loving connection will help families adjust during this time.

It is also an important time to keep the communication lines open through clear and age appropriate conversations. Speak openly about changes that they are experiencing and be conscious of their mental health as many of the conditions people confront in adulthood, can begin to manifest in adolescence.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers can learn how to guide and best support their young person as they transition through adolescence.

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 **Understanding Adolescence** edition of SchoolTV <https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/understanding-adolescence>

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 (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 before and 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 31 March 2024) 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

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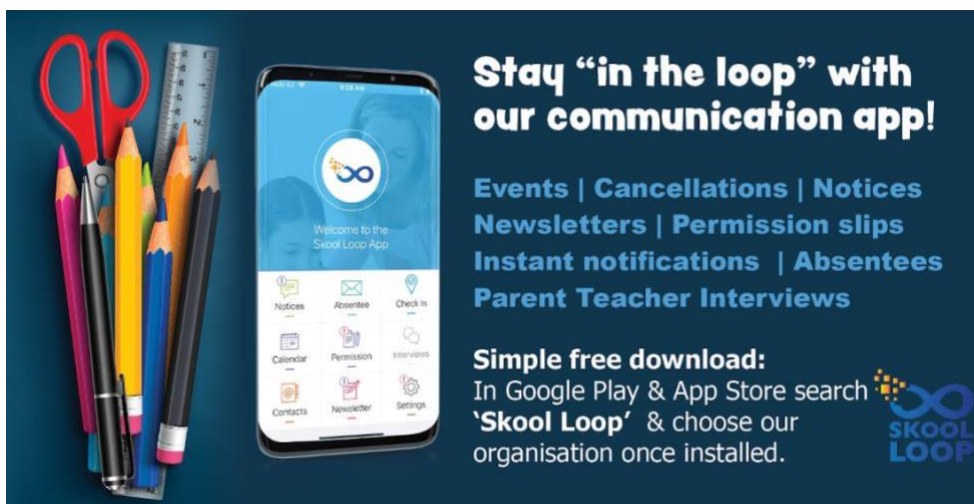
We offer a 5% discount on the full amount of \$580.00 if paid before the end of March 2024.

Sports 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
Total Per Year	\$580.00

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!

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Parent Teacher Interviews

Simple free download:
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Information for Bus students



Public transport

Fares are changing for under 25s from 1 May

Find out if you are still eligible for discounts

[AT.govt.nz/farechanges](https://at.govt.nz/farechanges)

Public transport fares are changing for under 25's from Wednesday 01 May 2024

Fares for travel on AT buses, trains and ferries are changing for under 25 year olds from Wednesday 01 May 2024.

This will also apply to students using the 010 Bus.

Free travel for 5 to 12 year olds and half-price travel for 13 to 24 year olds on AT bus, train and ferry services will end on 30 April 2024, in line with the

government’s decision to withdraw funding for these concessions.

This means that from Wednesday 1 May:

5 to 12 year olds will no longer travel for free on weekdays and will instead pay a child concession (at least 40% off adult fares). They will continue to travel for free on weekends. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

13 to 15 year olds will stop receiving the half-price child fares discount and instead switch to paying full child fares (at least 40% off an adult fare during weekdays, and free travel on weekends) from 1 May. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

More information about the discounts and what you may need to do next can be found at AT.govt.nz/farechanges

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.

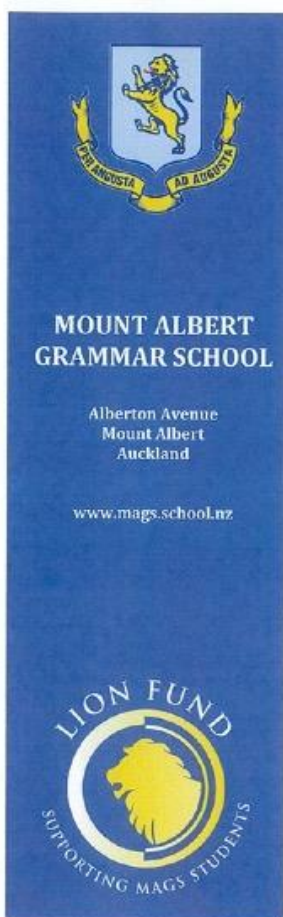
Our Values are GEMS

Open Day at EGGs – Tuesday 9 April

Epsom Girls Grammar School would like to invite prospective students and their parents/caregivers to an Open Day on **Tuesday 9 April 2024**. There will be a presentation and guided tours at 9.15am and 1.30pm. The tours are designed to show the school at work, so you will have the opportunity to observe what happens on an ordinary school day.

To register for one of the sessions, please follow this [link](#) or go to our website www.eggs.school.nz

If you have any questions please contact the school reception phone 09 6305963 or email reception@eggs.school.nz



INFORMATION EVENING FOR IN-ZONE 2025 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS FROM PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

We would like to extend an invitation to IN-ZONE Year 8 parents and guardians, and their sons/daughters, to attend a presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School in the second week of Term 2, 2024.

WHERE: Mount Albert Grammar School in the F.W. Gamble Hall

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2024

TIME: 7.00pm-8.00pm

EVENING PROGRAMME

- A visual presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School for Year 9 students in 2025.
- Information about our Enrolment procedure for the 2025 intake.
- The opportunity to ask questions about the Academic, Sporting and Cultural opportunities at Mount Albert Grammar School.

As parking is unavailable within the school grounds, we would recommend that you park in the surrounding streets.

We look forward to meeting you at this information evening.

Jo Williams
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Toby Powell
Deputy Principal – Junior Boys
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Ponsonby Learning Pathway

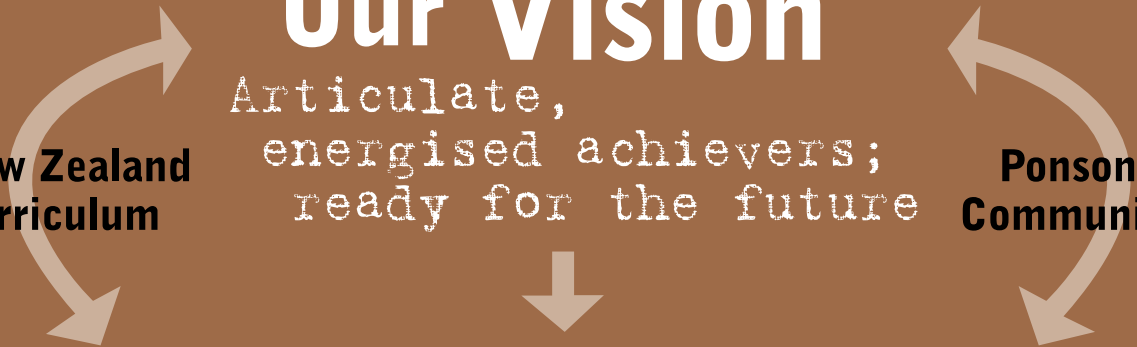


Our Vision

Articulate,
energised achievers;
ready for the future

New Zealand Curriculum

Ponsonby Community



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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





SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

SEWING & DESIGN

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS:
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ALL MATERIALS
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**9AM-
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QUESTIONS - EMAIL : hello@thedesignroom.co.nz

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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.

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- 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