

Important Dates

11 April

Showcase – Rooms 8, 9,
11, 12, 21

12 April

End of Term 3:05pm

29 April

Start of Term 2

6 May

Boys Futsal

7 May

Learning Centre Open
Morning

8 May

Great House Race

10 May

Pacific Island Style Day
Girls Futsal

14 May

Open Day

16 May

CZ Girls/Boys Rugby

17 May

Pink Shirt Day

Principal's Message

Intermediate school is exciting, and students have been participating well. If this was your first term of the 'Ponsonby Experience', I hope you have enjoyed it. The high levels of participation in all aspects of school life is a real celebration and students are making the most of the opportunities on offer.

Next term, we move into the renovated Maths block and the Portacom buildings on the top courts will be removed. All students receive two new Modular subjects and new Options class. We have the Great House Race, Talent Quest and many different Pacific Island Language weeks planned.

Thank you to those who contacted me about joining our Board of Trustees. If this position is of interest to you please reach out, as it is not too late.

Wishing you all the best for the holidays.

Ngā mihi

Nick Wilson
Principal

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'Pacific Island Style' Day

On Friday 10 May, we will have a whole school 'Pacific Island Style' day to kick-start the Pacific Language Week celebrations. Students can wear lavalava, lei, flowers, traditional Pacific clothes, or any colours and patterns that are inspired by the beautiful Pacific. In Term 3, we will celebrate the cultures of all of our students during Culture Week, so you can start thinking of something to wear to share your heritage.

New Sports Leaders

With a new intake of Sports Leaders for Term 2, we now have a team of 26 Year 8 students - Iva Bernard, London Samania-Tuioti, Jack Coop, Greta Beuth, Sam Graydon, Una Sobocanec, Aubrey Perrott, Sai Puletipalle, Jesse Odiase, Sam Marshall, Blake Cosgrove, Madison Dettling, Tiare Mau'u, Ben Molloy, Sam Peters, Liliana Peak, Oliver Dobbs, Lucie Klein, Nikita McDonald, Blanca Ebbett, Dallas Moa, Maia Martin, Obee McComb, Emma Bell, Hazel McCready and Emma Gillies.

The Sports Leaders support sports activities by refereeing games for Central Zone sports, Recreation, lunchtime sport competition, sports shed duties and present our sporting results and information in assemblies.

CZ Sports Days in Term 2

There are a number of Central Zone Sport days coming up next term. All information regarding trials, practices and start dates will be in our newsletter and daily notices next term.

Futsal

Water Polo

Rugby

Football

Table Tennis

Hockey

New Tech Expert Leaders

Last week during Assembly, Mr Andy Wilson announced the latest additions to his Tech Expert Leaders team. Out of over 50 applications, 21 students were successfully chosen. Tech Experts Leaders help with the day to day running of technology at Ponsonby Intermediate. From taking photos and flying the drone for events, to running events like Hackathon, to coming up with new initiatives for the students like Minecraft Mondays and Coding Club. Congratulations to the following students.

New Year 8 Tech Expert Leaders: Audrey Miranda, Archie Wigram, Peter Ovsiiko, Stella May, Maximus Mendez-Baines, Michael Rahman, Ren Mok-Yazdani, Oliver Cobel, Charlie Durey

New Year 7 Tech Expert Leaders: Jayden Do, Arthur Wen, Lewis Baverstock, Taylor Starnes, Mikey Fraser-House, Oscar Gray, Finn Millington, Freddie Earles, Mia Li, Milly Plummer, Aliya Nursultanova, Jasper Robinson.

Showcase – Rooms 8, 9, 11, 12 and 21 – repeat notice

Showcase is happening this 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. Room 8 will perform at approximately 1.30pm, Room 12 - 1.45pm, Room 9 - 2.00pm, Room 21 - 2.15pm and Room 11 - 2.30pm.

Learning Centre Open Morning - repeat notice

Learning Centre Open Morning will take place on Tuesday 7 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 Learnings Assistants supporting your child.

Board of Trustees Vacancy - repeat notice

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.

Big, Bright & White Social



Komodo – Student Wellbeing Tool

As mentioned in our previous newsletters, we have made it an ongoing priority to focus on student wellbeing. We believe that technology offers the best opportunity for us to do so. We have selected a New Zealand developed solution called Komodo. There will be regular surveys that will allow Form Teachers to get an understanding of how the students are progressing and any further support students might need. This may be emotional, social or maybe academic support (or a combination) through our Learning Centre. We have been trialling the programme this term and it has allowed us to gain some great insight into student wellbeing.

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/>



Options – Term 2

<p>Artful Antics : Miss Jeon - Room 1</p> <p>Unleash your inner artisticness! Create your own masterpiece using Acrylic Paint - you never know...you may be the next Picasso</p>	<p>Explore NZ: Mrs R Wilson- Room 18</p> <p>If you want to learn more about NZ, then this is the Option for you. We will learn about the different towns and cities in NZ, where they are located on the NZ map and why different towns/cities are unique and special. We will also focus on famous New Zealanders, now and in the past. Lastly you will plan a holiday for a group of tourists to a town or city in NZ.</p>
<p>Vietnam World Challenge: Miss Rees: Room 3</p> <p>Pre-selected students</p>	<p>Showquest: Mrs Cullen: Room 6</p> <p>Pre-selected students</p>
<p>Animation Exploration: Mr Curtis - Room 7</p> <p>Explore a range of 2D and 3D digital animation programs</p>	<p>Movie Music!: Mrs Holmes - Room 7</p> <p>Learn how to compose sound effects and music to animated videos. You might end up composing a horror theme tune, or adding funny sound effects to a comedy video. If you are interested in learning how to use music to tell a story then this option is for you.</p>
<p>Bead Crafts: Miss Stone - Room 8</p> <p>Create earrings, bracelets, keychains and more using beads!</p>	<p>Passion Projects: Miss Berry - Room 9</p> <p>Explore your passions and interests. Display and share your expertise, or new learnings, in fun and creative ways - both digital and non-digital! You could even learn or teach some new skills! Come with an open mind! Knitting, felting, comic book design, creative writing, scratch games - some examples of what has already been done!</p>
<p>Paint by Numbers: Ms Collins - Room 12</p> <p>Come and chill out on a Thursday afternoon and paint within the lines whilst listening to chilled out music. If you know your numbers, you'll be great at this! You'll end the term with a beautiful artwork ready to gift to someone or hang up in your room. Be aware, the options are mostly flowers/plants.</p>	<p>Rocket Challenge: Miss AT - Room 14</p> <p>Do you like learning about Physics or enjoy Science? Do you want to step into the role of a rocket designer? In this option, you will be able to plan, test and create your own water rocket, ready for take-off. Please only choose this if you have not done it before.</p>
<p>Pasifika Fono: Mr T - Room 15</p> <p>Dance, sing, laugh and learn from others.</p>	<p>Librarian Training: Miss Richardson - Room 16</p> <p>Students pre-selected</p>
<p>Watercolour creation: Miss Jameson: Room 2</p> <p>Come and experiment with watercolour paint! We will be looking at how to try different techniques and make masterpieces.</p>	<p>Board Games: Mrs McCullagh: Room 21</p> <p>If you enjoy board games, game competitions and/or creating your own board game then this is the option for you. We can look at everything from hand sumo wrestling to monopoly and everything in between!</p>

<p>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson: Room 19 Welcome to the future! We will be designing in 3D and printing on our newly updated school 3D printers. This option is open to both Year 7 and Year 8 students.</p>	<p>Bollywood: Mrs Francis - Room 24 Choreograph and perform Bollywood and Indian fusion dances.</p>
<p>Creative Crafting : Mrs Howie - Room 25 Do you like to get crafty? Come and experiment making a variety of crafts for yourself or for others.</p>	<p>Storyteller's Workshop: Crafting Compelling Narratives: Mrs Sherrock - Room 26 Unlock the power of storytelling 'Storyteller's Workshop: Crafting Compelling Narratives'! Dive into the world of narrative writing as we explore character development, plot dynamics, vivid settings, and captivating dialogue. Embark on an exciting journey where your creativity knows no bounds!</p>
<p>Filmmaking: Ms Busch- Room 28 Do you love film and television? Do you want to be involved in the process, but not in front of the camera? Come and learn about the world of film from behind the scenes. Then create and present your own film using cameras and video editing software.</p>	<p>Anti Stress: Mr Wannamaker - Room 30 Too much going on in your life? Need to chill out? Come to room 30 on a Thursday afternoon to deal with your stressors and discover ways of relaxing - both active and passive. We sketch, draw, discuss, be silent, move, meditate, listen to music and learn ways of being more present.</p>
<p>Careers: Mrs Murray - Room 17 Curious about Careers and what you need to do to get one? Come and explore more about your passions, interests, skills and talents and see what your career could look like. So many to choose!</p>	<p>Minecraft Education - Mrs Maitland-Smith- HUB Explore and build blocky worlds You'll be given educational challenges with problem solving skills throughout the term.</p>
<p>Hard out Sports - Mr Wilson - Field Sports extension and enrichment. Different styles of sport that will test all your skills. Teamwork and persistence necessary. Not for the faint-hearted, you must be prepared to go HARD every week!</p>	

Term 2 2024

Dates are subject to change - these will be communicated via daily notices and/or the newsletter

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 APRIL	30 APRIL YEAR 7 BASKETBALL TRIAL	1 MAY	2 MAY	3 MAY
2	6 MAY CZ FUTSAL SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK	7 MAY YEAR 7 NETBALL STARTS	8 MAY SKI TRAINING STARTS GREAT HOUSE RACE	9 MAY YEAR 8 NETBALL STARTS	10 MAY CZ GIRLS FUTSAL PACIFIC ISLAND STYLE DAY
3	13 MAY	14 MAY KIDS LIT QUIZ READERS AND WRITERS FESTIVAL	15 MAY CZ WATER POLO	16 MAY REVOLUTION TOUR CZ GIRLS/BOYS RUGBY	17 MAY PINK SHIRT DAY
4	20 MAY	21 MAY CZ YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL	22 MAY	23 MAY CZ YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL TALENT QUEST P5/6	24 MAY
5	27 MAY SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK	28 MAY CZ Y8 BOYS FOOTBALL	29 MAY SHOWQUEST REHEARSAL DAY	30 MAY CZ YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL	KĀHUI AKO DAY
6	KINGS BIRTHDAY	4 JUNE	5 JUNE	6 JUNE ATTITUDE TALK	7 JUNE
7	10 JUNE	11 JUNE	12 JUNE MODULAR CONFERENCES YEAR 8 DES HUNT TALK	13 JUNE SHOWQUEST REHEARSAL DAY	14 JUNE SHOWQUEST EVENING
8	17 JUNE CZ BOYS HOCKEY	18 JUNE CZ GIRLS HOCKEY	19 JUNE	20 JUNE CZ TABLE TENNIS	21 JUNE 40 HOUR FAMINE
9	24 JUNE	25 JUNE	26 JUNE BURN BRIGHT WORKSHOP	27 JUNE	MATARIKI
10	1 JULY	2 JULY VIETNAM TRIP DEPARTS	3 JULY	4 JULY	5 JULY



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

Open Evening

Wednesday 14th August
6:00 pm

Registration for visits

office@ponsint.school.nz

Out of Zone Enrolments

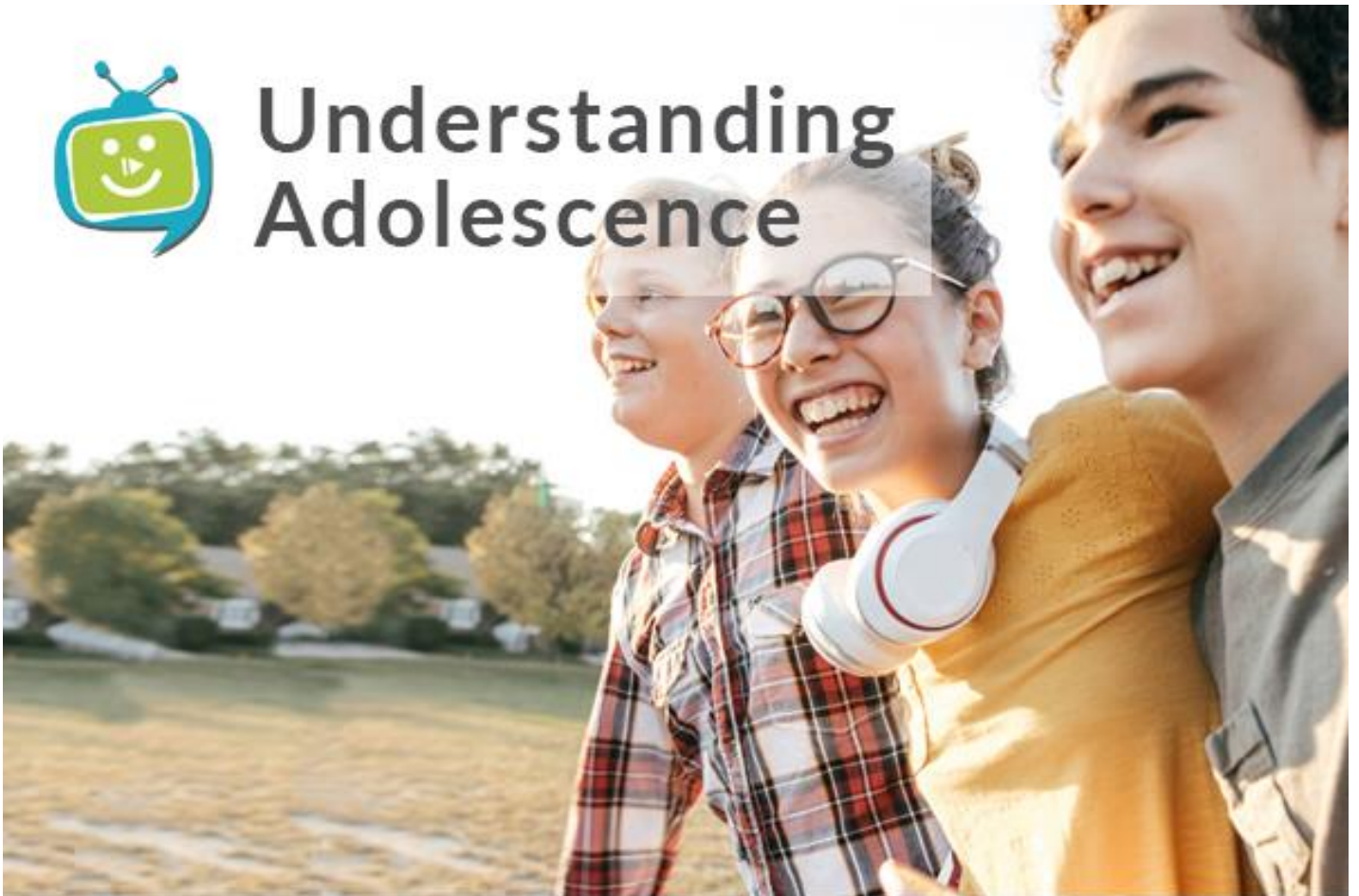
Close: Friday 30th August

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

Articulate, energised achievers;
ready for the future



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>

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.

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.

Making Connections

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.

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



H O M E S T A Y FAMILIES WANTED

We will be having a group of Korean students in term 3 at Ponsonby intermediate school for short-term. If you can host them please contact Elina for more details:)
Email: groupne@gmail.com

We are looking for families who are:



open minded / caring & supportive/ outgoing & active / interested in new cultures



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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.

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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 Center.

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