

19 June 2024

Important Dates

19 June

School Social
(Vietnam Trip
Fundraiser)

20 June

CZ Table Tennis

21 June – 23 June

40 Hour Famine
Weekend

25 June

BoT Meeting 6pm

26 June

Burn Bright – Student
Leadership Workshop

28 June

MATARIKI
(School closed)

2 July

Vietnam Students
depart

5 July

Term 2 ends

22 July

Term 3 Starts

30 July

OPEN MORNING

**Kids Online Parent
Evening 7–9pm**

Principal's Message

The Showquest performance was stunning! What a proud time for Katie Fiddian, Chrissie Cullen and our dedicated 95 students who took the stage and won **1st Place!**

The theme was 'Unapologetically Me'. A theme that really causes you to think about life and life as a 12 year old. It was an amazing learning opportunity for all - the relationships, team work, support for each other and dedication to hours of rehearsal is something these students will remember for the rest of their lives. I enjoy this aspect of 'intermediate schooling' immensely. As I have said before, student engagement creates more student engagement, we want the students to make the most of all the opportunities here at Ponsonby, and that Showquest performance is a superb example.

Another highlight of the past fortnight was a visit from author Des Hunt, he told our Year 8's about the magic and science of writing fiction and non-fiction, it was one of the most clever pieces of storytelling I have seen.

Ngā mihi,
Nick Wilson

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Showquest

We couldn't have been prouder of our Showquest performers this year. They were incredible on show day not just on stage but with how they conducted themselves as role models for our school at the theatre.

Our awards on the night were:

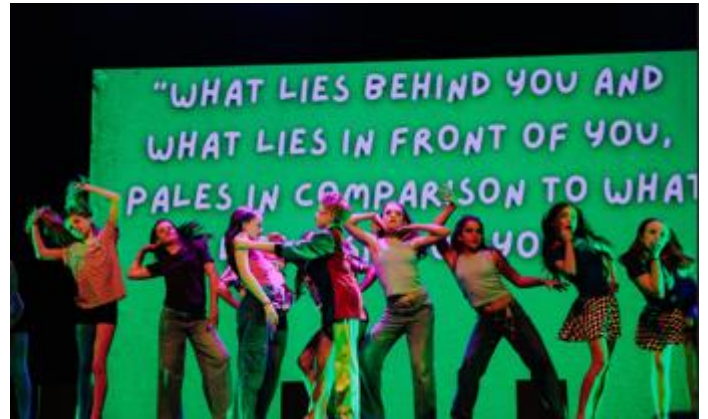
- **Best Choreography** (Shout out Thea)
- **Best Soundtrack**
- **Highly Commended Live Music** (shout out to Nico)
- **Highly Commended for Styling** (thank you our wonderful parent and teacher style squad)
- **Highly Commended for lighting** (shout out to Evie and Dee in the light box)
- **Stand out Star of the night** - so well deserved Freddie

And of course **First Place for the Junior Section.**

What a fantastic result!!!! Another huge congratulations to everyone!

We have asked the children a lot over the last few weeks what they've gained from this experience. **Friendship** was a big one and **confidence** to step out of their comfort zone and put themselves out there was another - interestingly a big part of our theme.





Our Kids Online – Parent Information Evening

We want our school to be a safe place.

Because of the rapidly changing times our tamariki are growing up in, and the mounting challenges and harms they are facing online, we need to start talking about and tackling this as a community.

As such, Ponsonby Intermediate and our School Board have organised Author, Filmmaker and Speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online", to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community.

The talk will be held at **Ponsonby Intermediate School Hall on Tuesday 30th July from 7-9pm**. As there is limited seating and tickets are shared with the wider community, we would like at least one adult from each Ponsonby Intermediate family to attend, this topic is too big for you not to pay attention to. This is a free community event for our parents and we would really appreciate your support around this topic by attending.

We will be sending out reminders about this evening before the end of term and during the holidays. You can sign up right up until the week before.

Tickets Information

Please complete your information by clicking the link on this [google form](#) to confirm that you will be attending. If you have registered through the google form and then decide not to attend, please let us know asap so that we can offer your position to someone else.

Students and children are asked not to attend this event. It is for parents and caregivers only.

Rob's mantra - "We need to tackle this as a community so that all of our kids are safe. When you protect your kids online, you are also protecting mine and when I protect my kids online, I am also protecting yours."

Ponsonby Road Mural Project 'Places for Good'

The Toi Art Extension Group was delighted to take part in a local project this term in collaboration with the Auckland Council and local Artist Ross Liew. The Student Gallery 'Plants and their Pollinators' can be viewed on Ponsonby Road at the bus stop and along O'Neill St. Students were also invited to take part in a workshop at school with Ross on Wednesday 12 June followed by an adventure up the road to view the display and celebrate all their mahi. The Student Gallery will be available to view throughout the holiday period. Congratulations to the following students who took part:

Hugh McGeorge 16
Flora Faleafa 16
Daisy Brown 25
Peter Ovsiko 9
Mariam Domingo 1
Joanna Jia 1
Lilliana Peak 16
Quinn Trevallyan 16
Manha Khan 16
Rhea Bowen 26
Nadja Klinac 1

Dee Jangam 11
Juliana Fleming 11
Agnes Chung 28
Alina Isaeva 25
Alana Watson 3
Evie Rodgers 11
Audrey Miranda 3
Ruby Carter 23
Nico Burton 11
Chanel Katsanos 23
Laki Pillai 11

Isobel Smith 23
Carlotta Rennie Corbalan 23
Joanna Jia 1
Sofia Glucina 23
Sarah Bannan 26
Indigo Devereux 26
Nikita Pasche 11
Jiyu Kim 3
Phoebe-Mae Mullions-Webber 1
Riyanna Pasahol 16







Des Hunt Presentation

On Wednesday, 12 June, the Year 8 students were privileged to have a talk presented to them by the renowned NZ children's writer, Des Hunt. As well as being the author of many non-fiction texts and over 25 novels, Des began his career as a science teacher. His talk used science as a metaphor for the building blocks needed to writing an engaging and successful story. We were all enthralled and learnt a great deal as well as enjoying the wild and wacky scientific demonstrations.

Check out his books on his website <https://www.deshunt.com/books>.

Mrs Dunn



Burn Bright Leadership Workshop Day

Next Wednesday, Ponsonby Intermediate is running a workshop for students who have a leadership role within the school. The purpose of this workshop is to provide guidance and support to our student leaders so that they can be successful within their leadership role at Ponsonby Intermediate.

The day will be held at school and is run by an organisation called Burn Bright. They are 'a leading provider of experiential programs proven to increase student leadership and wellbeing'.

Cross Country Information

Date: Friday 16th August

House meetings: Assemble at 1.25pm sharp in Houses on Basketball court.

Event Start Times:	Year 7 Girls	-	1.40pm
	Year 7 Boys	-	1.55pm
	Year 8 Girls	-	2.10pm
	Year 8 Boys	-	2.20pm

Information regarding race protocol and organisation will be given to the students at our Friday Assemblies and in our Daily Notices. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come along and watch from the road wall along Clarence Street, where you will get a great view of the races. Students have already started training during their Kori time and maps of the course are available for students in our hall foyer.

We encourage all students to participate and those students who are unable to compete due to sickness or injury, must bring a note to their Form Teacher on the day. At the end of this Newsletter is a map of the course.

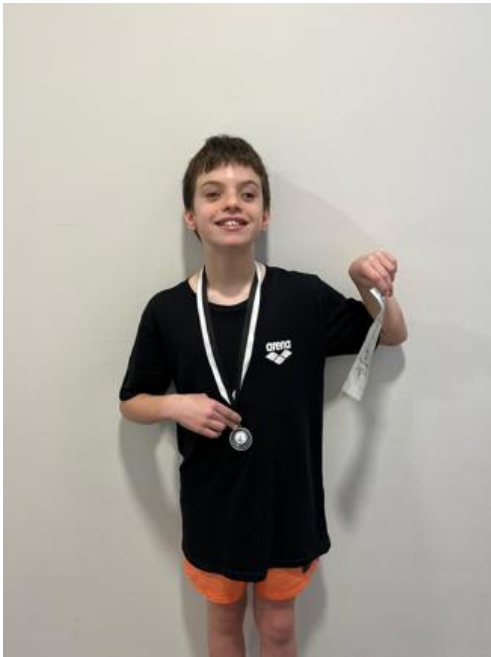
Sports Update

Diving

Year 7 student Finn Conley-Varcoe has been making an impressive splash recently with his diving achievements. Last week Finn participated in the National Diving Competition in Auckland, winning an overall Silver medal in his age category and 3 Silver ribbons for individual events. At the beginning of May, Finn also travelled to the South Island Championships in Dunedin where he also won Silver. Photos below show Finn competing at the South Island Champs and proudly holding his medals at both events. A member of the Waitakere Diving team, this is an exciting achievement for Finn who has been training since March 2022 at West Wave, and now trains at Glenfield pool each Friday afternoon. His first competition was in 2023 in Hamilton.

Great achievements Finn, we're proud of your diving success!





Girls Hockey

Ponsonby Intermediate girls' hockey team participated at the Central Zone Girls' Hockey Tournament on Tuesday. The team did really well with everyone enjoying the experience and placed 6th overall out of 13 teams. What an awesome effort! There were some hard-fought contests with some true grit on display. Everyone from the core hockey group fronted up - Lucie Klein, Olive Wilson, Billie Fraser, Chloe Nguyen, Emily Van Zoggel, Milly Plummer, Suzi-Lou McDade and it was great to have club players Zoe Shortall, Amy Shaw, Eesha Mehta put

their hands up to play in the tournament too. Teamwork makes the dream work! Thanks to Coach Cherie Mason and Manager Kevin Klein for their awesome tactical talks and support. Here's how the games ended up:

Ponsonby vs Kowhai (2-0 win); vs St. Cuthbert's (1-2 loss); vs Remuera (1-3 loss); Ponsonby vs Pasadena (7-1 win); Ponsonby vs Marist (2-7 loss).



Boys Hockey

Year 7 and 8 students Aiden Davison, Oki Rimell, Charlie Durey, Dante Lam, Fedde Berry, Flynn McGregor, Ben Molloy, Mikael Ross and Barnaby Yelash had a great start to their school week participating in the Central Zone Boys' Hockey tournament on Monday. The team were in a strong pool group and played with pace and determination around the field, holding two of the more experienced teams out to a draw, ANI 1-1, Remuera 0-0 and had a narrow loss to Waikowhai 2-1. First time goalies Dante and Flynn defended extremely well, making countless amazing saves in goal. Charlie, Oki and Aiden were super skilled striking the ball moving forward and Fedde, Ben, Mikael and Barnaby were relentless defenders and quick to cover opponents. The team's final game v Pasadena was another draw 0-0. With

some cracking shots at goal and 2 penalty corners Ponsonby ended the day with a win!
Overall 8th place.



Camps 2024 (repeat notice)

The whole school will attend various camps in **Term 4 Week 1 (Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th October)**.

Your child will have come home with important camp information and forms; **Medical and Consent Form, Parent Help Form and Behaviour Contract**. Please carefully read all the information before completing these forms and return to your child's Form Teacher.

Camp Fees

The fee for attending camp this year is **\$375.00 per student**. This amount can be paid online using the link below or at the front office.

If you pay online, please follow the instructions with regard to payment details. You can pay in as many instalments as you like leading up to the **due date of September 15th**.

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/>

If you have any questions regarding camp, your first point of contact is your child's form teachers.

Kids to Camp

Throughout the year, we are raising money to sponsor students to attend camp in Term 4.

If you are a parent/caregiver who would like to sponsor a student feel free to follow the link below with the reference 'Kids to Camp'. You can contribute as little or as much as you like. It all helps to ensure students do not miss out on camp due to financial hardship. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/>

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property, mostly sweaters and drink bottles.

All items will be laid out Friday morning for display. All classes will walk through and slowly check if any of the items are theirs. If you think your child has lost something please remind them to have a good look during this time. Students can also view the lost property at any-time with permission from a teacher.

One way parents and caregivers can help us is to ensure all items are labelled with first and last name. If our lost property monitors can identify who it belongs to they will drop it off at your child's classroom for them.

Appointments (repeat notice)

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. As your child moves around the school to different classes during the day we are not always able to contact them easily. Students must be signed out by a parent or caregiver registered on their enrolment details.

Absences and Lateness (repeat notice)

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 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.

School TV – Sleep



important as diet and exercise.

Students today have extremely busy schedules, with ever increasing responsibilities at school and at home. Many kids, especially adolescents, are going to bed later and later and are at risk of sleep deprivation. This affects three areas of a child's development: psychological, physiological and psychosocial. All three are essential to a child's growth, learning ability and overall wellbeing. Sleep is vital to a child's overall development and is as

Sleep also strengthens a child's immune systems and supports their ability to function properly on a daily basis. Children who do not get enough sleep show increased levels of aggressive behaviour, are less attentive and are much less active. Trying to catch up on sleep on weekends is not the answer and can still lead to severe sleep deprivation.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn about the importance of sleep and how sleep deprivation can have adverse effects on a child's health and wellbeing.

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 **Sleep** edition of SchoolTV

<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/sleep>



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

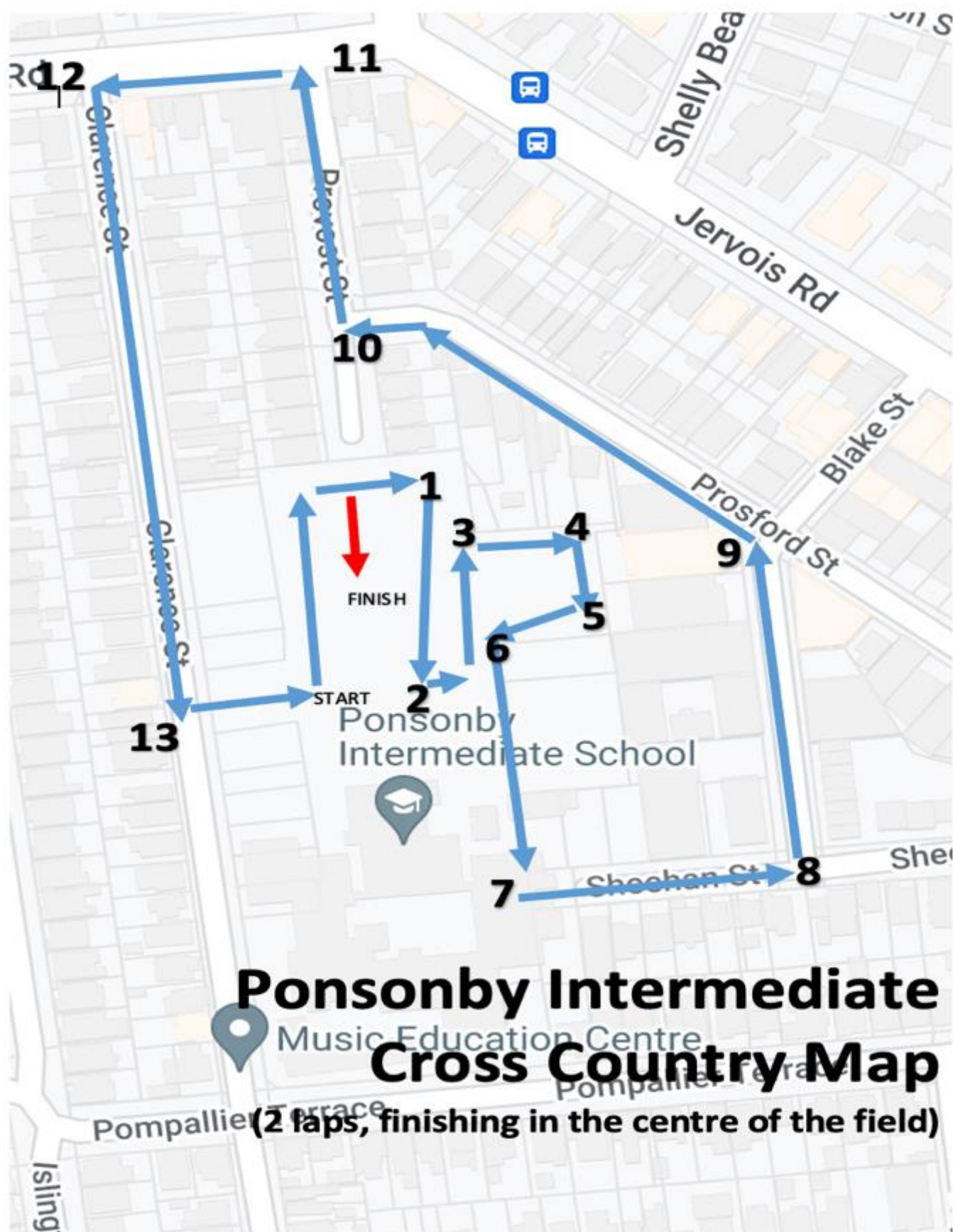
office@ponsint.school.nz

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





SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

**THU
10
JULY**

**LEARN TO MAKE YOUR
OWN PRINTED TOTE BAG**

**WED
17
JULY**

**LEARN TO CROCHET AND
MAKE AN ANIMAL PLUSHIE**

**THU
18
JULY**

**LEARN TO MAKE YOUR
OWN PRINTED CUSHION**

9AM/10AM -3PM @ PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE

MORE INFO - EMAIL : hello@thedesignroom.co.nz

BOOK ONLINE - WWW.THEDESIGNROOM.CO.NZ



For the month of June, you can help us collect brand new pairs of pj's to donate to the Kindness Collective, so they can get them to the kids who need them the most. Drop and get involved to help us deliver winter pj's so families in need don't have to choose heating over eating. (All the pj's need to be brand new please.)



PYJAMA

DONATIONS



Check out some more information at

<https://www.kindness.org.nz/>



Pj's can be handed in to room 25 or 26



HOMESTAY 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: grouprne@gmail.com

We are looking for families who are:

*Open minded * caring & supportive *
outgoing & active * interested in new cultures

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