

3 July 2024

Important Dates

22 July

Term 1 Starts

International Visitors
arrive

23 July

Positively Ponsonby Rep
Training.

30 July

Open Morning

**Kids Online Parent
Information Evening**
7 – 9pm

6 July

Auckland School Ski
Competition

**Camp Parents
Information Evening**
6 – 6:30pm

BOT Meeting 6pm

9 August

CZ Girls Netball
Heritage Style Day

14 August

Open Evening @ 6pm

15 August

Performance Evening @
7pm

16 August

Ponsonby Cross Country
@ 1:25pm

Principal's Message

Here we are halfway through the 2024 'Ponsonby Experience'. On Tuesday, I was helping the MC's with the script for this week's assembly, which is about participation and a reflection on the opportunities on offer. As I have said before, a thriving middle school is about creating "engagement", as this creates more engagement and in turn, personal and academic growth. We put a list of these opportunities together, in no particular order, this is what we came up with:

Whanau Night, Events Expo, EOTC, Swimming Sports, Market Day, Recreation, Lunchtime Sports, Options, Great House Race, Attitude and Revolution talks, Table Tennis Club, Netball, Basketball, Tennis, Water polo, Cricket, Librarians, Positively Ponsonby Reps, Eco Warriors, Cultural Leaders, Tech Experts, Sports Leaders, Toi Art Extension Group, Ponsonby Road Artist Group, Rec Team Captains, Talent Quest, Showquest, Pink Shirt Day, Pacific Island Styles Day, Primary School Visits, Futsal, Kids Lit Quiz, Vietnam Social, Football, Hockey, Ski and Snowboard Team, Orienteering, League Tag, Softball, Rock Bands, Orchestra, Burn Bright, Minecraft Mondays, Coding Club, 40 Hour Challenge, Matariki designs, PPTV episodes, Pacifica Group Fono, Bollywood, Samoan, Spanish and Filipino Language study groups, Kapa Haka, Yearbook group, Lost Property Monitors, Kiwi Buddies, Polyfest, Readers Writers Festival.

I am super proud of that list, and we can only do it because of the exceptional teachers we have here at Ponsonby Intermediate. Please thank them, because a simple message goes a long way. Your parental help is also a massive factor – Thank you whānau!

On Monday you would have received an email from your child's Form Teacher, there was a note to complete a quick three question survey that could help inform us of your priorities for your child on device use. This is very timely with our Online Parent Talk coming up

soon. Please complete the Google Form [here](#) if you have not done so already.

Friday will see the Mid-Year Reports emailed out. These reports include an achievement grade and a work ethic grade for the subjects students have completed so far. Please note that the achievement grade is an Overall Teacher Judgement (OTJ) based on student work samples, assessment data and teacher observation. An OTJ is not based on a single “test”. In Term 3 the reporting process continues with Student Led Conferences and in Term 4 students receive an End of Year written report.

Enjoy the holidays and be safe

Ngā mihi
Nick Wilson

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Vietnam World Challenge Trip

Last night our travelling group departed for 10 days in Vietnam. We wish them well and can't wait to hear about their adventures. They will be doing lots of community based initiatives as well as taking in the Vietnamese culture and history during their 10 day trip.

A reminder that this trip happens every year and we look forward to organising another one for our current Year 7 students for next year.

Next year will be either Cambodia, Vietnam or Borneo.



Our Kids Online – Parent Information Evening

Please carefully read the information below – we still have spaces left and would like to get as many parents in our community along as possible.

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.

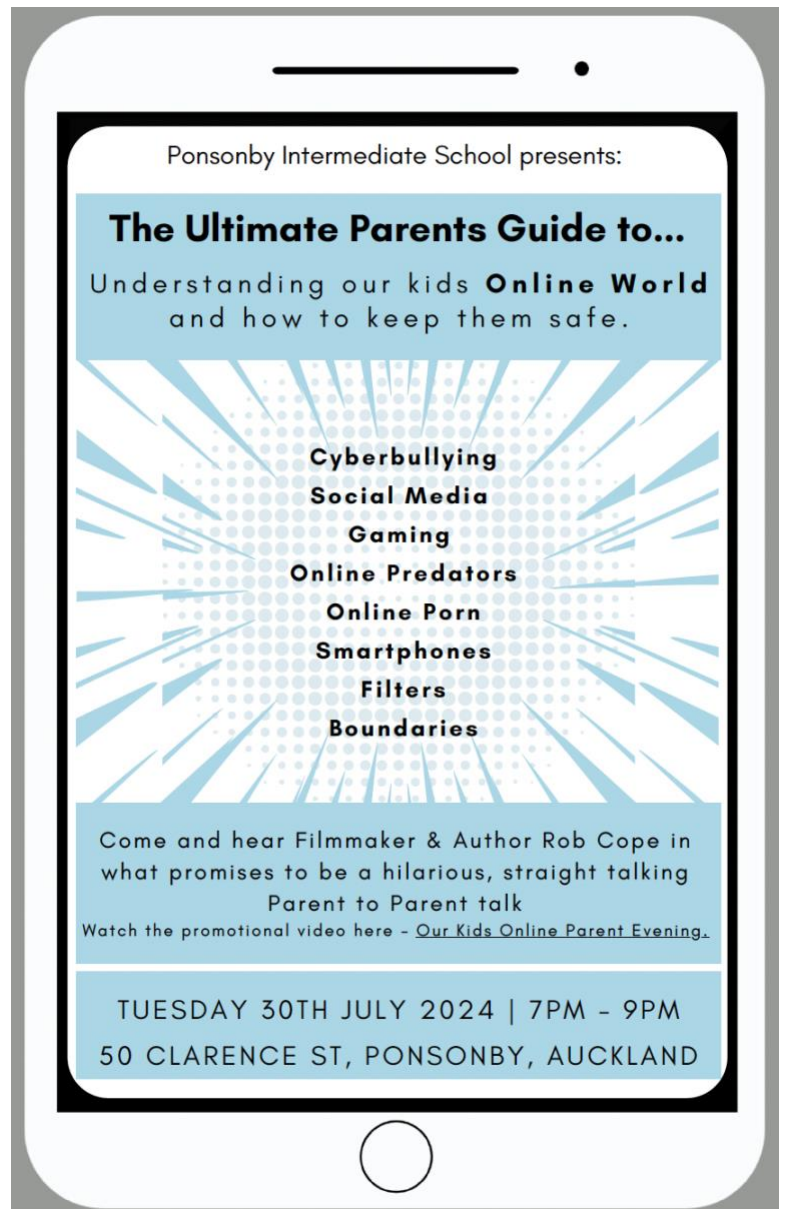
You can sign up right up until the week before.

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."



Burn Bright Leadership Workshop

Last Wednesday we had Burn Bright in to run a leadership workshop for all our student leadership groups. The students had a blast with the two workshop facilitators, developing skills around building resilience and understanding the importance of leading by example.

Thank you to the students for getting involved and making the most of the day. In order to do all the fun and engaging activities at our school we need students to help lead these initiatives, so a big thank you from our staff for all that you do as leadership students at our school! We may do another one in Term Four depending on the numbers so watch this space.

Sports Notices

Table Tennis

The Central Zone Table Tennis tournament is always an exciting, full on event with most schools from this zone participating. Ponsonby Intermediate entered a team of 18 players - MJ Pickering, Emmeline Anderson, Chloe Nguyen, Minnie Donaldson, Malia Valu, Lily King, Reyansh Misra, Dominic Taupeaafe, Barnaby Yelash, Daniel Mallinson, Augustine Piaux, Zach Henderson, Max Smythe, Hamish Reynolds, Fedde Berry, Briar Palmer, Sam Marshall and Malek El Hachimi. Teams played their respective pool rounds with the top girls and boys making it into the second round. Players Sam, Fedde, Malek, Briar, Chloe, MJ and Emmeline played some tough games, with Briar making it into the third round. As players progressed higher, it got much harder to win a point, however everyone ended up having a lot of fun! Thanks to our parent supporters on the day and huge thanks to Mr T. for all the training sessions and for making the day possible!



Swimming

The swim league team swam really well in Round 3 (Saturday 15th June) and gained extra points to take 1st place just ahead of Kowhai Intermediate - a positive finish to this Term's racing. Overall results for Team Rankings for combined team scores - 1st Ponsonby 1,653, 2nd Baradene, St Peters 1,557, 3rd Kowhai 1,044.

Thanks to coach Brian Dettling and parents for supporting the swimmers. The next rounds of racing for Term 3 are as follows:

- Saturday 10th August
- Saturday 17th August
- Saturday 31st August
- Saturday 14th September
- Saturday 21st September

Water Polo

Ponsonby Sharks water polo team recently competed in the annual 3-day Winter Festival event, open to all Year 7 & 8 school teams in New Zealand. It was a great tournament, players had a blast and really came together as a team, improving their game play over the three days. These tournaments are so valuable for developing players' skills and teamwork; Coach Ike Ancell was a valuable asset encouraging and teaching the team game tactics and tips throughout the tournament. Ponsonby placed 13th equal with the Glenfield Gators, out of 20 teams - an awesome result!





Staffing Update

Jane Jeon (Room 1 Maths) will be leaving at the end of term to take up a teaching position at an International school in Vietnam.

Charlotte Berry (Room 9 English) will be leaving at the end of term to return to teaching at the primary school level.

We wish Jane and Charlotte all the best, we hope they return to our whānau in the future.

Inger Moffat and Jennie Chatfield will be replacing the departing teachers. Both Inger and Jennie are experienced Intermediate teachers, who are looking forward to working with our tamariki and in our specialist teaching model.

Puberty Education – Health Classes

Starting Term 3, Year 7 and 8 Health teachers Ms Murray and Miss Brittin will be presenting lessons with a focus on Relationships, Puberty and Body Systems. Updated resources - Navigating The Journey, Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) Years 1-8 align well to assist with the delivery of this programme, including online educational materials for Body Systems. The learning outcomes for this unit will enable students to work towards achievement of *Health and Physical Education* guidelines mentioned in the *New Zealand Curriculum*. This programme reinforces information Year 8 students learnt last year more in-depth, and will introduce key concepts to Year 7 students. Students will learn about:

- Establishing a positive Learning Environment.
- Who am I? Respect for self and others.
- Relationships: Relationships and their qualities.
- Growing and Changing: The physical, mental and emotional, social, and spiritual growth, and development that occurs and the new needs that arise during puberty.
- Decision Making: Strategies to manage the changes students will experience.
- Staying safe: Support people.
- The Body Systems - research project to explore the main systems and functions.

If you wish for your child to be withdrawn from the class while a specific activity is being taught, please make this known by email to the Principal, Nick Wilson nickw@ponsint.school.nz before Monday 22 July 2024.

Student Reports – Mid-Year

On Friday 5th of July parents and caregivers will be emailed their child's Mid-Year Report. The report will contain comments from their English, Mathematics and Form teachers along with grades from the subjects they have completed so far this year.

As the students have not attended all subject areas some of the report will be missing some grades. These will however be filled in on the End of Year Report. If your child has recently joined Ponsonby Intermediate they will receive a letter from their Form Teacher in place of the report.

Heritage Style Day – 9th August

Term 3 will start with a strong cultural focus. Culture Week takes place in Week 3 and students will experience a wide range of workshops to learn about different languages and cultures. At the end of the week, all students are invited to come dressed in something that represents their culture. The holiday is a great time to have a look through the house or ask relatives to find a fabulous outfit to represent your cultural heritage.

Term 2 Showcase

Term 2 Showcase is happening on Thursday 4 July, 1.30pm – 3:00pm in the Hall. Classes presenting are Rooms 15, 17, 18, 25 and 30. Students will present items including drama, music, dance and original music videos. All parents are most welcome.

School Hoodie and New 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 will close on **Monday 8th July**.

Your child also has the option of having their name on the back of the hoodie. Guidelines for the name are outlined on our 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/>



Camps 2024 (repeat notice)

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

Your child has been given 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 Teacher.

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 Malachi Faiva</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 Inger Moffatt 9 Kristen Rees 3 Sam Hislop</p> <p><u>Carey Park</u> Sarah Howie 25 Andrea Sherrock 26 Sione Taupeaafe 15 Jennie Chatfield 1</p> <p><u>Marsden Bay</u> Kelly Richardson 16 Charlotte Stone 8 Katherine Busch 28 Andy Wilson Paul Curtis</p>

Kids to Camp Sponsorship

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/>

Student Options for Term 3

Below are the options running in Term 3

Capture the Moment : Ms Chatfield- Room 1 Are you looking for a way to express your creativity? Do you want to discover tips and tricks for taking great photos? Come along, learn some basics about photography and create your own portfolio of images.	Paper Flowers: Mrs R Wilson- Room 18 We are going to be making a flower chandelier for the Art Show. This will involve making different paper flowers each week. You will need to be patient, have great perseverance skills and be able to help others. The end result will be epic!
Touch Typing: Miss Rees: Room 3 Come and learn how to type without using the sense of sight to find the keys. You will learn the useful skill of Touch Typing using Interactive learning games and speed.	Animation Exploration: Mr Curtis- Room 7 Explore a range of 2D and 3D digital animation programs
Movie Music!: Mrs Holmes - Room 7 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.	Book Club: Miss Stone - Room 8 Join me for a quiet afternoon reading, making bookmarks and reviewing books in the library!
Creative arguing : Ms Moffat - Room 9 Calling all young thinkers and future leaders! Dive into the exciting world of debating, where your voice matters. You'll learn to craft powerful arguments, think on your feet, and confidently express your ideas. Engage in lively debates on fun topics, make new friends, and boost your critical thinking skills. Whether you're a natural speaker or just curious, our club is the perfect place to sharpen your mind and have a blast.	Paint by Numbers: Ms Collins - Room 12 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>Creative Writing: Miss AT - Room 14 Have lots of ideas and love writing! Use this time to write your own creative stories and we can make a book at the end of Term.</p>	<p>Pasifika Fono: Mr T - Room 15 Dance, sing, laugh and learn from others. This option is open to everyone who would like to learn about Pasifika culture and will be taught by students.</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>Lego: Mrs McCullagh: Room 21 If you enjoy building structures in a team or getting creative then join us for Lego!</p>
<p>Card Making: Mrs Francis - Room 24 Get ready for Christmas, birthdays and other celebrations by making creative cards for your friends and family. Each week we will make a different style and use different materials.</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>Whimsical Wonder Paper Quilling: Mrs Sherrock - Room 26 Unleash your creativity with paper quilling. Craft stunning three-dimensional designs, from intricate flowers to geometric patterns. Experiment with colours, textures and shapes, where every twist and turn of the paper strip brings forth a whimsical wonder waiting to be unveiled!</p>	<p>Journey Through Space: Ms Busch- Room 28 Imagine that you are drifting out in space, travelling through places that no other human has ever been. What do you see? What will you find? What wonders are out there? What dangers will you face? Come and find out in this option.</p>
<p>Friendship bracelets: Miss Jameson - Room 2 Make friendship bracelets exploring the uses of beads and knots to create different styles while relaxing in learning Centre enjoying music and excellent conversation.</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>Create Your Own Board Game: Mrs Murray - Room 17 Keen to use your own imagination while creating a fun game to play with others! This option is a hands-on activity, taking inspiration from other games to design your own - layout, game play, pieces and rules.</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>	

Cross Country Information (repeat Notice)

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.

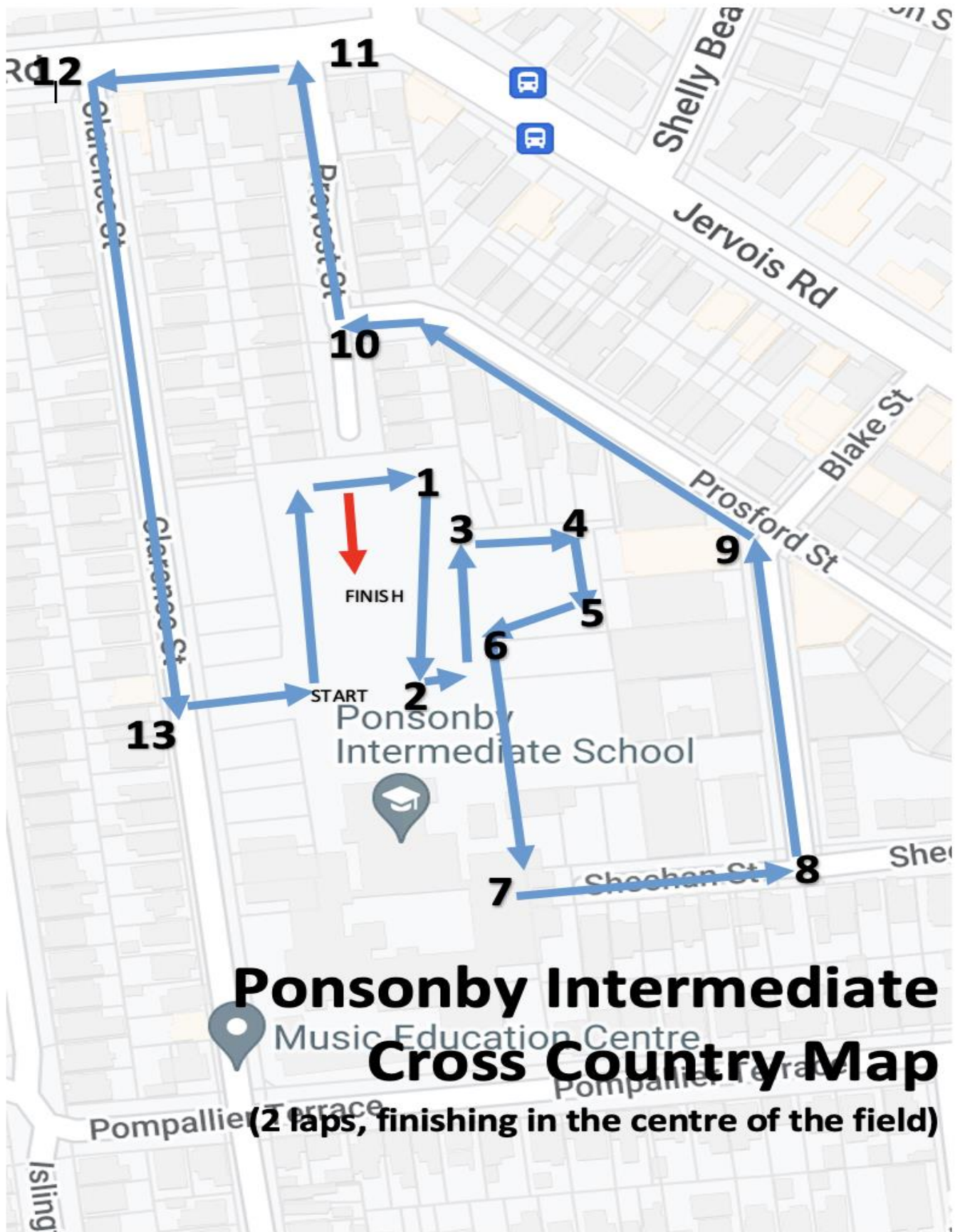
We encourage all students to participate and those students who are unable to compete due to sickness or injury, must bring a note to their form teacher on the day.

At the end of this Newsletter is a map of the course.

Ponsonby Intermediate School Calendar – Term 3 2024

Dates are subject to change – Changes will be communicated via Newsletter and daily notices

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	22 July	23 July	24 July	25 July	26 July
	International Visitors for 4 weeks	Netball 4pm – 7pm (until 20 August) PP Rep training	Attitude Show – P.3&4 TBC	Netball 4pm – 7pm (until 22 August)	Netball NH Teams 2+ Tournament
2	29 July	30 July	31 July	1 August	2 August
		CZ Boys Netball Open Morning Our Kids online 7 - 9pm		Roadshow Practise Day	
3 Roadshow Week/ Culture Week	5 August	6 August	7 August	8 August	9 August
	Basketball - Year 7 (until 18 November)	Ski Competition Camp Parent meeting @ 6pm BOT Meeting – 6pm			CZ Girls Netball Heritage Style Day
4	12 August	13 August	14 August	15 August	16 August
			Open Evening @ 6pm	Kāhui Ako WSL Day Performance Evening @ 7pm	Ponsonby Cross Country
5	19 August	20 August	21 August	22 August	23 August
		Open Morning Core Conferences 3pm - 8pm	Core Conferences 1pm - 6pm	CZ Boys Rugby League	School Speeches in Assembly
6	26 August	27 August	28 August	29 August	30 August
			Modular Conferences 3:30 - 8pm	CZ Cross Country	Out of Zone Enrolments Close
7	2 September	3 September	4 September	5 September	6 September
		PLG's - before or after school			ALA Literacy Association
8 Careers week	9 September	10 September	11 September	12 September	13 September
		BOT meeting	Enrolment Ballot		
9	16 September	17 September	18 September	19 September	20 September
				8:30 HPV2 Y8 G&B Boostrix Y7 catchup	
10	23 September	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 September
	CZ Girls Volleyball			8:30 HPV2 Y8 G&B/ Boostrix Y7 catchup Showcase @ 1:35pm	





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



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

Western Springs College -NGĀ PUNA O WAIŌREA



OPEN WEEK TOURS AT WESTERN SPRINGS COLLEGE-NGĀ PUNA O WAIŌREA

School tours with the Principal (or Senior Leader) will take place from **Monday 29th July 2024 to Friday 2nd August 2024** (Week 2, Term 3) **from 9:00am to approximately 10:30am.**

The tours will take approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, and there will be time for a Q&A session at the conclusion of the tour over tea and coffee.

Where to meet: WSCW Cafeteria (under the deck; or inside if raining) **at 8:50am. Tours start at 9am.**

The tours include both Western Springs College and our Māori immersion kura, Ngā Puna O Waiōrea. The tour will showcase normal operating school days in an Innovative Learning Environment (ILE).

Please join us for this opportunity. [BOOK HERE](#)

Ivan Davis
Principal

Mount Albert Grammar School

Mount Albert Grammar School - to assist with planning for 2025 it would be appreciated if in-zone applications were submitted by Friday, 5 July 2024.

Please note, this is a suggested date, we hope to receive families in-zone enrolment applications as soon as possible.

Below is a link that will take families to the Mount Albert Grammar School enrolment page.

In-zone Enrolment Process

Please find below, detailed information on the MAGS school website on how to complete the enrolment process:

Please click [here](#)

1. Completed online **application form**
2. **Child's New Zealand Birth Certificate** (or if born overseas, their Birth Certificate (in English translation), Passport, Residency status, and date of arrival into NZ)
3. **Child's latest school report** (this could be the student's 2023 end-of-year school report, or when they receive their 2024 mid-year school report, place the application then)
4. **Statutory Declaration Form 1** - (this form is on our school website, however, it is attached to this email)
5. **Health Form** - (this form is on our school website, however, it is attached to this email)
6. **Three (3) CURRENT forms of utility accounts that clearly shows your name and address** (first form of proof of address = 1. Page 1 and page 2 of a current Electricity invoice, second form of proof = 2. Internet invoice, third form of proof = 3. Water invoice or Rates or Full Tenancy Agreement + Bond receipt letter from Tenancy Services)

Avondale College

Avondale College Open Evening 2024: Wed 31 July

Avondale College is looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their families at their Open Evening on **Wednesday 31 July from 4-7pm**. This is in the second week of Term 3. Guided tours will be leaving from the College's Atrium (Victor Street entrance) throughout the evening. Do allow plenty of time - there's a lot to see!

Avondale College will be accepting online enrolments for 2025 from the beginning of Term 3. In-zone applications should be lodged by **7 August**, and out-of-zone applications submitted by **4 September 2024**.

Please visit www.avcol.school.nz/enrolments for more information.



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**

**FRI
19
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

**FROM
\$95**



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: 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