

15 May 2025

Important Dates

15 May

Talent Quest from 1:30pm

16 May

Pink Shirt Day
Great House Race

20 May

BoT Meeting – 6pm
CZ Year 7 Boys Football

21 May

Open Day

22 May

CZ Year 8 Boys Football

27 May

CZ Year 7 Girls Football

29 May

CZ Year 8 Girls Football

30 May

Production Rehearsal Day

2 June

King's Birthday

4 June

Modular Conferences

5 June

Open Day

20 June

Matariki Holiday

Principal's Message

We're looking forward to the **Talent Quest Finals** today - one of my favourite events of the year. It's always inspiring to see the incredible talent on display, and to reflect on how many careers have taken off from that very stage in Ponsonby. Everyone is welcome to attend - it promises to be a fantastic afternoon!

The **Great House Race**, which has already been postponed twice due to weather, is now scheduled for this Friday, and the forecast is looking promising. This Friday also marks **National Pink Shirt Day**, a powerful initiative that aligns perfectly with our school's proactive, "top of the cliff" approach to bullying prevention. It's a day to stand together for kindness, inclusion, and respect. Don't be surprised if your child encourages you to wear something pink - shirt, tie, or even pants - as part of the celebration. I'll be reminding them too! You can find more information here: pinkshirtday.org.nz

As we near the midpoint of the term, there will be an opportunity to book **Modular Subjects Student Led Conferences** next week. Looking ahead, the **Mid-Year Reports** will be sent out as a PDF via email on 27 June, providing a comprehensive update on student progress and achievement.

Wishing you a great week ahead.

Kia kaha,

Nick Wilson

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Talent Quest

Ponsonby's Got Talent will be held **Thursday 15th May**, commencing at 1.30pm in the hall. We have 12 amazing acts chosen from over 50 auditions held over the past two weeks. If you are able, we would love you to be part of the audience to support our tamariki. We look forward to a wonderful show and seeing you there.

Important Camp Information

In **Week 5** of this term your child will receive an information pack about camp. They will be given this information on Wednesday 28th May during a camp meeting with the other classes they will be attending camp with.

The information pack will include:

- **Cover letter** outlining the details around the camp they are attending and important upcoming meetings for parents and camp fees.
- **Medical form** that must be filled out accurately and with any extra information that the teacher may need to know to help keep your child safe on camp
- **Parent Help form** regarding help from parents with camp and transport
- **Safety and Behaviour Contract** outlining the expectations for attending camp

These forms must be returned by **Friday 30th May** so that the staff can proceed with their next step in planning around catering and activities.

A reminder that all our camps are within an hour's drive from the CBD and all accommodation is in cabins (there is no tenting). All accommodation, activities and catering are included in the cost of camp.

Camp is a important part of intermediate schooling and is part of the New Zealand Curriculum. The skills, knowledge and friendships you build on camp are an integral part of the Ponsonby Experience. We hope to have all students attend as it is often a highlight of the students' year.

Wellington Trip Reminder

This year we are bringing you the Capital City Tour as a new experience for Ponsonby Intermediate students to get involved in. If your child is interested in finding out more they can get a letter from the front office or talk to Mrs Fiddian or Mrs Bolesworth. Applications need to be in by **Friday 23rd May**.

Te Rimutahi – Local Park Opening

As part of our engagement with the local community, a group of students from Toi Art Extension and Eco Warriors have been involved in creating and exhibiting art work throughout the construction of Te Rimutahi, our neighbourhood park on Ponsonby Road. The construction is now complete and as part of the celebration, our students, along with local design students were invited to meet the designer of the park and learn about what it takes to imagine and bring to life a local park for our community. Our students learnt about the construction, artistic and practical elements of city park design.

Sally Youngman, Sofia Glucina, Chanel Katsanos, Carlotta Rennie Corbalan, Isobel Smith, Ruby Carter, Jack Jones, Harry Mills, Minnie Donaldson, Olivia MacDonald, Milly Plummer, Madison Ashworth.





Sports Update

Central Zone Boys' Futsal

On Tuesday 6th May Ponsonby took two boys teams to Auckland Netball Centre in St. John's to compete in the Central Zone Futsal competition. Beginning the day with the Year 7's, the boys were a bit late to the start of the game and ended up going down to a tough ANI team 7-1. In the second game of the round robin it was a 1-1 draw versus Kowhai. Based on goal differential we placed 2nd in the pool. The quarter final was against Remuera. It was a very close match with it being the first game of the tournament to go to a penalty shootout. After many rounds and even a replay of the last Remuera shooter, the Year 7's held their nerve to beat them 4-3. Dylan was outstanding in goal. In the semi-final, it was a 3-0 loss to Pasadena. We played Balmoral for the last game of the day and went down 4-0 finishing 4th overall. The Year 8's started round robin play with a 2-1 win over Remuera Intermediate and a 2-1 loss to ANI. Both very tight games with both teams playing well to limit offensive chances making it difficult to score. After a 3 way tie in our pool of 3 teams, we were allocated the first seeding. We then played against Balmoral, after a big push back late in the game, the boys showed great courage and conviction with being down by four goals to make the final score 4-2. In the semi-final for 5th and 6th place, we had another close match but went down 1-0 to Remuera B team.





Central Zone Girls Football

Year 8 players - Molly Dennison, Maisie Allan and Zara Twigg shared their recount of the tournament...

On Wednesday 7th May we set out to Auckland Netball Centre to compete in the CZ Girls Futsal tournament, against other central zone schools.

At the start we played 3 pool games against ANI 1, Balmoral, and Remuera.

Our first game against ANI was a hard game and unfortunately we lost 1-3. Balmoral was a really good team, but in the end we lost 1-5.

For our last pool game against Remuera, we were losing 3-0 but had a great comeback, winning 4-3. That took us into the playoffs for the Plate Grade and for our quarter finals we played Waiheke Intermediate School. Luckily that was an easy game with us winning 4-1, taking us into the semi-finals Plate round against Pasadena. In the semis we won by 5-1 against Pasadena taking us into the finals for our grade. In the finals we played against ANI 2. It was a tight game at the start but in the last minutes they scored some goals and we unfortunately lost against them 1-2 putting us in second for Plate Grade B, and placed 10th overall. We had a really fun time and this would not be possible without Ms Murray and parent helpers Melissa and Dennis Katsanos - they were amazing! Shoutouts to Brooke Glidden for some amazing goalie saves, Molly Dennison and Ella Wilson-Winiata for some great goals, Maisie Allan, Lily King, Olivia MacDonald and Minnie Donaldson for their amazing mid court play, Izzy Roberts, Chanel Katsanos and Zara Twigg for great defence.

Year 7 - players Eveline Dettling, Gretchen Turner and Sabine Christophersen recount...

Our first pool round game was against Mt Roskill which we lost 0-3. They were an excellent team. In the second game, we tied 0-0. It was a tough match against Waikowhai and unfortunately we didn't pull through to the top. In the third game, we had another loss 0-2 against Balmoral. In the fourth game, we lost 0-1 v Diocesan and unfortunately our game was cut short by 8 minutes.

In the final game we tied with Pasadena 0-0. Shout out to Molly Barron for her excellent defence, Olivia Wells for some great midfield play, Hayley Cullen for her amazing sportsmanship, Cadence Guevarra for her excellent work in midfield and defence, Sabine for her great attacking and for almost scoring several goals, Gretchen for her slay midfield play and goalkeeping and Eveline for her awesome goalkeeping and strong defence. Thanks to all the parent helpers, Year 8 team - you all did amazing! And a big shout out to Ms Murray for all the organisation she has done to help us play.





Water Polo

The Central Zone Water Polo Tournament was held at Diocesan School for Girls on Tuesday this week and Ponsonby Intermediate's Sharks team, who have just started their season, were excited to be competing. This tournament was a good opportunity for them to take the skills they've been learning in training into these games. Players Xavier Timmers, Ella Wilson-Winiata, Helena Jenks, Zara Twigg, Paddy Mullin-Butt, Tilda Denyer, Chloe Harpur, Alex Park, Amelia Bell, Jet Radonich and Kieran Saunders certainly demonstrated some effective passing, shooting and determined teamwork in the pool. Highlights were the wins they took versus Marist 6-2 and Mt Roskill 5-4, and scoring some great goals against their tougher opponents

St Cuthberts, Diocesan and Remuera. Sharks placed 6th out of thirteen teams, awesome effort and they had so much fun!! Great support poolside from Shamus Butt, Michelle Menzies and Ms Murray.



Netball

A few of Ponsonby Intermediate's Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams participated in the Year 7-10 Pre-Season Tournament. This was held at Netball North Harbour (NNH) on Saturday 26th April, in the last weekend of Term 1 school holidays. The pre-season netball games were a good opportunity for the teams to build up physical fitness, team camaraderie and to prepare for the season. Coaches Damon Heilesen and Lee-Anne Thompson supported players from 8/1 and 8/2 (below) who teamed up to have a great day of netball and fun together.



Photolife Photos

During the school holidays your child's unique Key Code was emailed to you by Photolife Photos. If you haven't already checked the Photolife website please click the link [Photolife Photos](#) to view and purchase 2025 School Photos, using your child's unique Key Code.

If you have not received a unique Key Code please check your spam folder/junk mail.

ICAS Exams

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas): (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)
2. go to Parent Portal [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): (<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>)
3. enter our school's access code – DED009
4. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

You will need to complete the signup before the 28th July 2025.

We will notify you of the date(s) that we run ICAS at the school and when your child's ICAS results are ready. You and your child can access the results once released via the Reports Portal using the TAP ID and pin found on the back of the ICAS certificate.

Please do not hesitate to contact Cherie Bolesworth if you have any questions
cherieb@ponsint.school.nz

Pink Shirt Day

Friday is Pink Shirt Day. As a school we acknowledge how hard bullying is and wear pink. The Positively Ponsonby Representatives will run some activities throughout the day and take over assembly this week to spread the message. Form classes have been engaging in some learning activities throughout the week.



Read the latest cyberbullying resource from Netsafe

Cyberbullying spreads fast and hits hard, especially for rangatahi.

For over 25 years, Netsafe has supported people across New Zealand to have safe and positive online experiences, by providing free support, advice and education to all ages.

The awesome team at Netsafe has created a super helpful guide on cyberbullying, and what to do when it happens — [check it out here](#).

Netsafe is also hosting a free, practical webinar for parents and whānau of 12–16 year olds on May 14 — full of tips to help rangatahi stay safe and confident online.



Learn more and register on their [website](#).

School TV

With Friday being Pink Shirt Day, in this edition of School TV we highlight bullying.

Bullying is an ongoing or repeated misuse of power in relationships, with the intention to cause deliberate psychological harm. Bullying behaviours can be verbal, physical or social. It can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious or hidden. Bullying in any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.



Despite the efforts made to reduce bullying behaviours, the research tells us that one in four students still report being bullied every few weeks. However, not all negative behaviour should be considered bullying. The key difference is that bullying does not stop on its own. It's important young people learn how to identify behaviours that are rude, behaviours that are mean, and behaviours that are related to bullying.

Often the reasons for bullying can be complex. Some young people do it to get approval from others, some do it to regain control, whilst others may do it because it makes them feel safe. Supporting young people as they work through their emotions will help them unpack the motivation and reason behind the behaviour.

In this edition of SchoolTV, caregivers can better understand why some young people engage in bullying behaviours and what to do to support a child experiencing it.

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 Bullying edition of SchoolTV

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

School Hoodie and Track pants

You can order the hoodie (sweatshirt or sweater) and track pants including our new cotton material track pants using the link below (cotton track pants on the left). 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.

These items are 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/>



Term 2 Calendar

3	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May
		Open Morning Readers and Writers Festival CZ Waterpolo		Talent Quest @ 1:35pm	Pink Shirt Day Swim League 17th May Great House Race
4	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May
		BOT meeting CZ Year 7 Boys Football	Open Morning	CZ Year 8 Boys Football	Swim League 24 May
5	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May
	Councillors Visits to Primary schools (TBC)	CZ Year 7 Girls Football	Students Camp Meetings @ 8:45am (Camp letters to go home)	CZ Year 8 Girls Football	Production Rehearsal Day
6	2 June	3 June	4 June	5 June	6 June
	King's Birthday		Modular Conferences 3:30 - 8pm	Open Morning	Pacific Style Day
7	9 June	10 June	11 June	12 June	13 June
	CZ Girls and Boys Rugby	Open Morning	Open Morning	Production Rehearsal Day	Swim League 14 June
8	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June	20 June
	ARTS WEEK/PRODUCTION WEEK				
	CZ Boys Hockey Dress Rehearsal	CZ Girls Hockey Boostrix Year 7 (Year 8 HPV 1 catch ups) Matinee Opening Night	Matinee Evening Performance	CZ Table Tennis Evening Performance	Matariki
9	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June
		BOT Meeting		Music Assembly	End of Term 3.05pm finish

Would you like to train as a teacher?

Ponsonby Intermediate has partnered with the Teachers Institute <https://www.teachersinstitute.org.nz> and next year we will be able to train two teachers here on site. Applications for the 2026 school-based training programme are now open.



The flyer features a dark green background with a large white circle on the right side. Inside the circle is a photograph of a woman in a green dress standing at the front of a classroom, pointing at a whiteboard, while two students sit at a desk in the foreground. The text is white and positioned on the left side of the flyer.

INFORMATION SESSION

WEDNESDAY 21 MAY | 5PM | 3 MARGOT ST

We warmly invite you to learn about our school-based Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching programme in either primary or secondary.

RSVP BY FRIDAY 16 MAY

info@teachersinstitute.org.nz

The Teachers' Institute

ezLunch – Online lunch order

You can order ezlunch, Kindo's lunch service **everyday** by simply [clicking here!](#)

- Go-Deli's Catering and Café menu - warm and cold mains, sushi, Asian and café meals, snacks and drinks
- Subway Ponsonby – 6inch subs, combos, Teachers' Corner subs, drinks & cookies

Order (or cancel) **before 9am** on the day or schedule in advance. Your ezlunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch.



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SATURDAY
24 MAY
11:30AM - 2:30PM

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

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DAYS

2025





Open Morning Dates

Tuesday 13th May	Wednesday 21st May
Thursday 5th June	Tuesday 10th June
Wednesday 11th June	Tuesday 22nd July
Tuesday 12th August	

Open Evening

Wednesday 6th August 6:00 pm

TOUR 1: 9:15AM

TOUR 2: 9:45AM

Email to register for tours

office@ponsint.school.nz

Out of Zone Enrolments

Close: Friday 22nd August

Articulate, energised achievers;
ready for the future

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