

Newsletter

Ponsonby
Intermediate School

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12 June 2025

Important Dates

16 June

CZ Boys Hockey

Production Dress
Rehearsal

17 June

CZ Girls Hockey

Production Matinee
@ 11am

Opening Night @ 7pm

18 June

Production Matinee
@ 11am

Evening Performance
@ 7pm

19 June

CZ Table Tennis

Production Evening
Performance @ 7pm

20 June

Matariki Holiday

24 June

BoT Meeting 6pm

27 June

End of Term
School Reports sent by
email

14 July

Term 3 starts

Principal's Message

It is school Production time!

The students are in the process of putting the final touches on 'The Day the Internet Died'. We have three evening shows next week 17-19 June and two Matinees' (Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th at 11am). Tickets are still available, and I know from the past that many families get tickets to all shows, not just one!

Next week is also our 'Arts Week'. A celebration of the arts, there is a different timetable and a focus on "making connections" across the school.

Wishing you a great week ahead.
Kia kaha,

Nick Wilson

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Production Information – ‘The Day the Internet Died’



Over 100 students have been working very hard to bring you this year's school production 'The Day The Internet Died'. This show will have you laughing but also possibly have you question what the internet means for you. Could you survive without the internet?

Come to our show playing 17th to the 19th June 7pm. Tickets can be purchased through Humanitix or by following this link <https://events.humanitix.com/https-www-ponsonbyintermediate-school-nz>

Our matinee shows are for our local primary schools but a limited number of tickets will also be available to the public from our school office. The matinee performances will have big groups of Year 6 students from our local schools coming to attend the show. There will be dedicated seating for our matinee ticket holders. Matinee performances at 11 am Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th June.

Tickets for the matinee are \$15.00 (**card sales only - no cash please**)

Arts Week

Next week the students will take part in 8 different art based classes. This will take place from Tuesday - Thursday. Students will be in new form classes, which they will meet on Monday, so they will be able to make new connections whilst enjoying the creative week. Throughout the week students will take part in creating Tapa Cloth, Colin McCahon Landscapes, Digital Portraits and much more. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter to see some of the amazing art works created.

Making Positive Connections – Schoolwide focus

As mentioned above, we have our Arts Week next week while our production is on. During this time there is a focus on making new positive connections with students in their Arts Week Form Class.

We have been working hard with the students around building positive friendships and relationships. This is because we have observed and dealt with a lot of students struggling to interact positively with their peer groups and use our school values, particularly - **Showing respect for other people.**

We will continually focus on supporting and guiding students to help them better navigate situations that arise that may cause conflict or have a negative effect on friendships. One key focus is around inclusion and what this looks at Ponsonby Intermediate.

To help support this, you can have conversations at home around friendships and what makes a good friend and what to do when friendships sometimes go through difficult times.

Sports Update

Netball

Ponsonby Intermediate netball teams have completed their grading game rounds (4) and the Competition rounds start this week.

Year 7 Competition - 10th June to 19th August (Finals Night)

No Play 1st July and 8th July.

Year 8 Competition - 12th June to 21st August (Finals Night).

No Play 3rd July and 10th July.

Grades have now been finalised for our teams as follows:

Team 8/1 - Grade 3, 8/2 - Grade 5, 8/3 - Grade 11 and 8/4 - Grade 12.

Team 7/1 and 7/2 - Grade 3, 7/3 - Grade 8, 7/4 and 7/5 - Grade 11 and 7/6 - Grade 12.

Table Tennis

Ponsonby Intermediate students are super enthusiastic about table tennis here with high numbers attending Club sessions on Monday afternoons and many currently involved in trials for the CZ Table Tennis tournament coming up next week. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Central Auckland Primary & Intermediate Schools Table Tennis Team Competition in Term 3, held at the Auckland Table Tennis Stadium. Session time is 4:00pm – 5:30pm.

Competition Dates are as follows:

Wednesday July 23rd (Grading), 30th

Wednesday August 6th , 13th , 20th , 27th

Wednesday September 3rd , 10th

Entries close on Friday 18th July, 2025. Entry fee \$140 per team.

For further information email Ebi Kleiser (Competition Coordinator),

tabletennisnr@gmail.com

Students expressing an interest for this competition can also collect a flyer from Sports Coordinator Ms Murray michellem@ponsint.school.nz to submit their own entries, with parental permission.

Pacific Style Day

Samoa Language Week was celebrated last Friday with a whole school event - Pacific Style Day. Students brightened up the gloomy weather by wearing bright colours, flowers and traditional dress. The Pasifika Group then performed at assembly and we were honoured to have a guest appearance from Peyton Taufao, a student at Auckland Girls' Grammar, who performed the role of taualuga. At lunchtime, the wild rain did not deter students from racing towards the panikeke being sold to raise money for the Pasifika group costumes, and the 300 panikeke were sold out in ten minutes. A very special thank you to Vaitoelau Fanene for the hours she has given the students to teach them Samoan songs, dances and values.



Pasifika Option at Freemans Bay Primary

As part of our collaboration with the local community, some of the Pasifika group has been spending Thursday afternoons at Freemans Bay Primary. This has been a wonderful leadership opportunity for our Year 7 and 8 students, and a chance for them to share their culture with the younger students. Our students taught a sāsā to the Year 4-6 students, and two songs to the Year 2-3 students, which were performed as part of their Samoan Language Week assembly. A special thank you to Shital D'Rozario at Freemans Bay Primary for helping to make this possible.





Board of Trustee Elections

In September this year the school board will be running elections, as we do every 3 years. As part of the planning for this the school board will be meeting to consider whether or not to introduce Staggered (Mid-term) elections. If adopted the school would elect half of the parent representatives for an 18 month term, and run an additional mid-term election in 18 months' time. The impact of this would be a staggered turnover of parent representatives (each committing to a 3 Year tenure), and a more frequent election cycle that would more closely represent the tenure of students at our school.

See <https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/> for more details.

BOT Meeting:

A discussion/decision on adopting Staggered (mid-term) elections will be on the agenda for our next board meeting, and we welcome parent views.

Parents have a right to attend this (and any other board meeting), or can contact the principal or chair to raise any considerations at the meeting.

Where : Ponsonby Intermediate – Staffroom

When: Tuesday 24th June – 6:00pm



LET'S GET YOU READY FOR THE 2025 NETBALL PLAYOFFS Sunday 13 July 2025

WESTLAKE GIRLS NETBALL COACHING CLINIC FOR YEAR 1 – YEAR 8

The Westlake Girls Premier Netball Team will be holding a Netball Coaching Clinic on **Sunday 13 July at school from 9.30am - 12.30pm OR 1.30pm - 4.30pm** and we would like to invite Year 1 - 8 netballers to come and get ready for the business end of the season as everyone heads into the playoffs in August. It will be ideal for individuals, but we encourage teams to come together and improve as one.

The Clinic is focused on polishing your skillset and tactics as well as game play, so you are fresh and ready after the holidays. There will be two sessions, one in the morning and then it will be repeated in the afternoon. The cost of a 3-hour clinic is \$35 so you would like to take part in this event and help the Westlake Girls Premier Netball Team raise money for their campaign to the Upper North Island Champs, grab a friend and register on the link below.

Registrations close on **Monday 7 July 2025**.

COST: \$35

Registration Link:

<https://www.westlakegirls.school.nz/student-life/practical-information/payments/netball-clinic/>



If you have any questions, please email April Ieremia at
aieremia@westlakegirls.school.nz



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OPEN 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

Email to register for tours

office@ponsint.school.nz

TOUR 1: 9:15AM


TOUR 2: 9:45AM

Out of Zone Enrolments

Close: Friday 22nd August

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INFORMATION EVENING FOR IN-ZONE 2026 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TE PUNA o WAIRAKA

"Matariki hunga nui, Matariki ahunga nui."

E rau rangatira mā, whakapiripiri mai, whakatatatata mai, nau mai, haere mai ki Te Puna Wānanga o Wairaka.

We would like to extend an invitation to **IN-ZONE** Year 8 parents and guardians, and their sons/daughters, to attend a presentation about Te Puna o Wairaka, at Mount Albert Grammar School.

WHERE: Mount Albert Grammar School in Te Puna Wānanga o Wairaka

WHEN: Monday 16th of June 2025

TIME: 6.30pm-7.30pm

EVENING PROGRAMME

- A visual presentation about Te Puna o Wairaka, at Mount Albert Grammar School for Year 9 students in 2026.
- The opportunity to ask questions about Te Puna o Wairaka 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.

Peter Walters
Head of Faculty
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Sarah Hayes
Deputy Principal
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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