

26 June 2025

Important Dates

27 June

End of Term
School Reports sent by
email

14 July

Start of Term 3

22 July

Open Morning

CZ Boys Netball

25 July

CZ Girls Netball

28 July – 1 August

Travelling Roadshow
Week

29 July

CZ Squash

5 August

Performance Evening
7pm

8 August

CROSS COUNTRY

Principal's Message

As Term 2 draws to a close it's time to reflect on what an incredible term it has been. We kicked things off with some standout events — the Talent Quest, Pink Shirt Day, and the Great House Race — all of which were fantastic showcases of our students' enthusiasm and spirit.

Not long after, we dove into rehearsals for our school Production. Many of you came along to see the performances last week, and I know some of you even took my advice and came more than once! It was truly an unforgettable experience. The Production was not only a stunning display of talent but also a meaningful learning journey, full of memories that our students will carry with them for years to come.

A huge thank you goes to Chrissie Cullen, Katie Fiddian, Lisa Stephenson, and Claire Holmes. These incredible teachers brought the production to life — their passion, creativity, and dedication are nothing short of superpowers. It was heart-warming to see the students express their gratitude for everything these teachers do.

On the sporting front, participation has been outstanding. Basketball remains the top choice, with more than a quarter of our students playing every Monday night. Other sports this term included Water Polo, Futsal, Netball, Hockey, Swim League, Football, Skiing, and Table Tennis — an impressive range that reflects the diversity of interests in our school.

Academically, students have wrapped up their novel and science fiction studies, as well as two new modular subjects. Looking ahead to Term 3, we'll be starting our three-minute speeches and rotating into new Languages and Social Sciences programmes. We're also excited about the upcoming Roadshow and Capital City Tour — both are shaping up to be highlights of the term.

A reminder that school reports will be emailed out this Friday, 27 June.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and happy two week holiday break!

Nick Wilson

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Production – ‘The Day the Internet Died’

What a wonderful week it was! We kicked off with our Tech Day on Sunday, followed by two dress rehearsals on Monday, and then five incredible performances.

Our cast, musicians, singers, and dancers impressed us with their talent, professionalism, sense of fun and amazing work ethic. We received amazing feedback from our audiences, who were blown away by the energy and enthusiasm on stage.

It was a pleasure to watch our performers grow in confidence and take full ownership of their roles as the week progressed. Their passion and commitment lit up the stage and created something really special.

A huge thank you to everyone for your hard work, love, and dedication throughout Term 2 to bring this production to life. We are so proud of you all!

Chrissie Cullen on behalf of the Creative Team



Sports Update

Hockey

Last week on Monday 16 June, the Central Zone Hockey 7 A-side tournament took place at North Harbour Hockey Stadium, with 11 schools participating on the day. Ponsonby Intermediate entered a mixed team of Year 7 and 8 students - Daniel Dhanji, James Old, Arlo Slavin, Chloe Nguyen, Olive Morrison, Oki Rimell, Aiden Davison and Barnaby Yelash. Off field players strategised about defensive and offensive play - great team comms! On field players competed with gritty determination and optimistic spirit, and had loads of fun throughout the pool and playoff round games. Results: Ponsonby v Ficino 1-2, v ANI 4-0, v Waikowhai 1-1, v Mt Roskill 1-1 (1-2 on Penalty Corner points), v Royal Oak 0-0 (1-2 on PC points) and v Ficino 4-1 win to place 7th overall. Top effort from everyone considering most hadn't played together before as a team. Special mention to Barnaby who stepped up as goalie for the day and made some outstanding saves in goal. Thanks for the support from parent Katie Slavin and teacher Ms Murray.

Basketball

Semester One of Monday night basketball in the Harbour Basketball competition has wrapped up. Well done to all teams for representing Ponsonby Intermediate with pride and showcasing our GEMS every single game! A massive shout-out to the Lakers, Lightning, and Sparks for winning their respective grades and earning the gold medals. Congratulations to everyone for your dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship; we look forward to seeing this same energy and excellence carry us into Semester Two!





Central Zone and Weekly Sports Competitions – Term 3

The Term 3 sports calendar is looking full again for our school teams participating in Central Zones tournaments and weekly competitions.

Below are the dates and venues scheduled for these events.

Boys Netball	Tuesday 22 July	Windmill Road Courts.
Girls Netball	Friday 25 July	Auckland Netball Courts. (Save Day 04/08)
Boys/Girls Squash	Tuesday 29 July	Eden/Epsom Squash Club.
Boys/Girls Rugby League	Thursday 7 August	Fowlds Park. (TBC)
Boys/Girls Cross Country	Wednesday 13 August	Waiatarua Reserve.
Boys Basketball	Monday 15 September	North Harbour Event Centre
Girls Basketball	Wednesday 17 September	North Harbour Event Centre

Ponsonby Intermediate's sports teams playing in weekly competitions - Netball, Water Polo, Hockey, Basketball restart games in the first week of Term 3 from 14 - 18 July at their respective venues.

Swim League is on Saturdays - 19 July and 2, 16 and 30 August at Trent Bray Swim School, Mt Eden. The Ski team continues weekly training sessions at Snowplanet.

Thank you to our amazing parents who've put in the time to coach and manage our sports teams throughout Term 1 and 2. We could not have the successes without your support. Looking forward to another great term. Stay Sporty Ponsonby!!

Board of Trustee Elections

In September this year the school board will be running elections, as we do every three years. At the board meeting on Tuesday night the board chose to introduce staggered (Mid-term) elections. The school community will 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.

Teacher Only Days in Term 3

The Ministry of Education granted schools two Teacher Only Days in 2025 to help with the development of the new curriculum changes. Ponsonby Intermediate will hold these Teacher Only Days on;

- **Friday 22 August**
- **Friday 12 September**

Supervision will be provided if needed.

Camp Fees

The fee for attending camp this year is **\$350 for Year 7 students and \$420 for Year 8**. This amount can be paid online using the link below or at our office.

If you pay online, please follow the instructions with regards to payment details. You can pay in as many instalments as you like leading up to the **due date of September 12th**.

<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 Sponsorship

Throughout the year, we raise 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/>

Camp locations and Classes

Year 7 Camps	Year 8 Camps
<p><u>Carey Park</u> (6th - 8th October) Lisa Stephenson 3 Kelly Richardson 16 Katherine Busch 28 Stephanie Bruce 8 Inger Moffatt 9 Michelle Murray Kristen Rees - (Tues)</p> <p><u>Carey Park</u> (8th - 10th October) Jennie Chatfield 1 Sione Taupeaafe 15 Sarah Howie 25 Andrea Sherrock 26 Chrissie Cullen 11 Claire Holmes Kim Edwards (Thurs)</p>	<p><u>Camp Bentzon</u> (7th - 10th October) Katie Fiddian Jane Jeon 14 Angela Lane 22 Lauren Collins 12 Malachi Faiva</p> <p><u>Chosen Valley</u> (7th - 10th October) Cobey Bennett 20 Brooke Jameson 17 Ian Wannamaker 30</p> <p><u>Peter Snell</u> (7th - 10th October) Penelope Dunn 23 Sarah Valintine 18 Kellie Smith 21 Andy Wilson</p>
<p>Teachers in bold are the Camp Leaders</p>	

Immunisations – Year 7 Boostrix now Tuesday 29 July

Year 7 Boostrix Immunisations will occur on Tuesday 29 July for Year 7's. If students miss this the nurses will hold catch ups later in the year.

Puberty Education in Term 3

Starting Term 3, Health lessons will focus on Relationships, Puberty and Body Systems. Resources - Navigating The Journey, Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) Years 1-8: - A Guide for Teachers and Leaders, align well to assist with the delivery of this programme, including educational online resources 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 what the Year 8 students learnt last year, in more 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.
- Year 8 - Relationships: Relationships/Friendships 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.
- Year 7 - Understanding Body Systems - how these systems all work together (excludes reproductive system).

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 14 July, 2025.

School TV

In today's world, it is becoming apparent that some young people are being influenced by the language around them. It is becoming more common for them to hear derogatory terms or offensive language on the streets, on social media channels, streaming services and in some forms of modern music. Proliferating the use of such language can sometimes normalise, glamorise and sanitise their impact, taking their meaning out of context. Words can be misconstrued to be hurtful, racist, homophobic, misogynistic or even discriminatory. Using disrespectful language is considered socially unacceptable, and if not addressed early, can become a serious problem.

Click on the link to see more...

https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-respectful-language

Ponsonby Intermediate Calendar - Term 3, 2025

Calendar subject to change

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	14 July	15 July	16 July	17 July	18 July
				Wellington Trip Parent Meeting	Swim League 19 July
2	21 July	22 July	23 July	24 July	25 July
		Open Morning Burn Bright (All day Workshop) CZ Boys Netball	Stacy Gregg author visit - whole school @ 1:35pm	Roadshow Practise Day Kāhui Ako Cultural Capabilites Hub 3:30-4:30pm	CZ Girls Netball
3 Road show Week	28 July	29 July	30 July	31 July	1 August
		CZ Squash BOT Meeting – 6pm Boostrix Year 7's (Catch up for HPV 2)			Swim League 2nd Aug.
4	4 August	5 August	6 August	7 August	8 August
		Leadership Meeting Performance Evening @ 7pm	Open Evening @ 6pm (TBC)	CZ Boys/Girls Rugby League Freemans Bay enrolment morning	School Speeches in Assembly @ 9:30am Ponsonby Cross Country @ 1:35pm
5	11 August	12 August	13 August	14 August	15 August
		Open Morning Core Conferences	Core Conferences CZ Cross Country		Swim League 16th Aug
6	18 August	19 August	20 August	21 August	22 August
		Camp Parents Meeting @ 6pm	Attitude Show @ 11am (Puberty) Modular Conferences		Teacher Only Day Out of Zone Enrolments Close APPA Literacy Day
7	25 August	26 August	27 August	28 August	29 August
	Bandquest @ Bruce Mason Centre				Swim League 30 Aug
	1 September	2 September	3 September	4 September	5 September
8		Wellington Trip leaves	Leadership Review Day Enrolment Ballot		

9	8 September	9 September	10 September	11 September	12 September
		BOT meeting (TBC)			Teacher Only Day
10	15 September	16 September	17 September	18 September	19 September
	CZ Boys Basketball		CZ Girls Basketball		



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

School tours with the Principal (or a Senior Leader) will take place from **Tuesday 15th July 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025** (Term 3, Week 1) and from **Wednesday 23rd July to Friday 25th July 2025**.

The tours will start at 9am and take approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, and there will be time for a Q&A session at the conclusion of the tour.

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

The tour will showcase a normal operating school day at Western Springs College in an Innovative Learning Environment (ILE).

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

Other Dates of Interest

Whānau wishing to enrol in Ngā Puna o Waiōrea, our Māori immersion kura, will have the opportunity to visit on Waiōrea's Open Day - Wednesday 13th August 2025 (9:30am to 12:30pm).

Finally, our Springs New Students Orientation Evening (for incoming Year 9s for 2026) will be held on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 from 5:30pm in the Gymnasium.

***NEW* - OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS**

For 2026, Western Springs College will accept enrolments for students in Year 9 or Year 10 who are living out of zone (zone defined by the Western Springs College Enrolment Scheme), according to out of zone priorities 2 - 6.

For 2026 this will be capped at 30 out of zone places for Year 9 students and 30 out of zone places for Year 10 students.

Applications for out of zone enrolments will be processed in the following order of priority:

Priority 1 is given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in the special programme run by the school and approved by the Secretary of Education: *Ngā Puna o Waiōrea Rumaki Te Reo Māori immersion Kura, Years 9 - 13*).

Priority 2: siblings of current students.

Priority 3: siblings of former students.

Priority 4: children of a former student of the school.

Priority 5: children of staff employed at the college or members of the college board.

Priority 6: all other applicants not covered in the above categories.

If there are more applicants in the second, third, fourth or fifth priority groups than there are places available, selection within the priority group will be by a ballot.

Timeline for Out of Zone Enrolments 2026 (Years 9 & 10 only):

- Week 1, Term 3 - Out of Zone enrolments open.
- Wednesday 27 August – Out of Zone Applications close.
- Wednesday 3 September – Out of Zone students notified by email.
- Friday 5 September – confirmed acceptance of Out Of Zone place.

Ivan Davis
Principal



Term 3 Classes

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★ First class is free!



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Mondays
Musical Theatre
4:15pm & 5:15pm, \$20/session



Ages 7-10 & 11-14

Wednesdays & Thursdays
Writing Club
4:15pm, \$20/session



Ages 8+

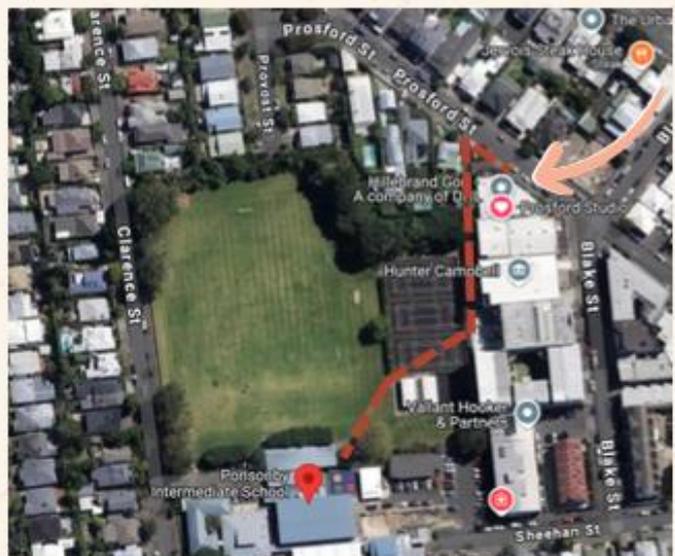
Wednesdays & Thursdays
Drama
5:15pm, \$10-20/session

Ages 8+

Fridays & Saturdays
1:1 Tutoring
Flexible times, \$60/hour

Ages 7-14

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Avondale College Open Evening 2025: Wed 23 July

Avondale College is looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their families at their Open Evening on **Wednesday 23 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!

[Click here for the Open Evening Facebook Event page](#)

Avondale College will be accepting online enrolments for 2026 from the beginning of Term 3. In-zone applications should be lodged by **25 July** and out-of-zone applications submitted by **4pm 27 August 2025**.

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





Ponsonby Intermediate School

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

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