

## Important Dates

**25 July**  
CZ Girls Netball

**28 July – 1 August**  
Travelling Roadshow Tour

**29 July**  
CZ Squash

Boostrix Immunisations  
Year 7's

**2 August**  
Swim League Team

**5 August**  
Performance Evening 7pm  
Library Book Sale  
ICAS Exam – Digital Tech

**6 August**  
Open Evening – 6pm  
BOT nominations close 12  
midday  
ICAS Exam – Writing  
Library Book Sale

**7 August**  
CZ Girls & Boys Rugby League

**8 August**  
School Speech Finals in  
Assembly -9:30am  
School Cross Country 1:35pm

**12 August**  
Open Morning  
ICAS Exam – English  
Student Led Core Conferences  
3:30pm – 8pm

**13 August**  
Central Zone Cross Country  
Student Led Core Conferences  
3:30pm – 7pm  
BOT Voting Opens

## Principal's Message

School camps are an incredible experience and an important part of the New Zealand Curriculum. We expect every student to attend. Camp provides powerful learning opportunities: exploring the outdoors, stepping outside of comfort zones, working as a team and building friendships that can last a lifetime. Many of us still remember the excitement of camp at age 12!

Because of the value we place on these experiences, opting out of camp is not really an option. That said, we understand that in rare and exceptional cases, there may be genuine reasons a student cannot attend. Please be assured that our experienced staff at Ponsonby run these camps smoothly and safely each year.

At school, students are currently preparing and delivering their 3 minute speeches and training for Cross Country in the mornings. These are perhaps two of the few traditions that haven't changed since we as parents and caregivers were at school and I'm sure you still remember doing both!

A few years ago, I researched what students considered their best piece of writing. The overwhelming majority chose their speeches. Why? Because they chose a topic they cared about and because they had to perform it in front of their peers. The result? More effort, more pride, and often, their best writing of the year.

Yes, speeches can be daunting but they are also deeply rewarding. Let's support our tamariki through this challenge and celebrate their courage and creativity.

Next week more than 70 of our students will take part in the Roadshow Tour, performing at nine local primary schools. Many of these acts grew from our Term 2 Talent Quest and school production.

But the highlight is still to come:

## **Performance Evening – Tuesday 5 August, 7:00pm**

This one hour showcase will feature the very best of our music, dance, culture, and singing. It's a wonderful celebration of our students' talents, and I warmly invite you to join us for this special night.

Ngā mihi nui

**Nick Wilson**

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## **Board of Trustee Elections**

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The nomination process for our School Board elections has started and nominations are now open. We have five spaces for parent representatives on the Ponsonby Intermediate School Board; three for a three year term and two for an 18 month term. We have appointed School Election Pilot as the Returning Officer for the election. They will be handling the election process and you will see communications directly from them.

Everyone who is eligible to vote in the election will receive a nomination pack (either via email or post). The info pack will contain everything you need to nominate yourself or another member of the community. (If you are going to nominate someone else, just make sure they know about it and will accept the nomination!). It will also include information about who isn't able to be a School Board member.

If you need extra forms, or want a copy of the nomination form in Te Reo Māori or another language, just contact the Returning Officer from Election Pilot directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz).

Don't leave things to the last minute, because elections close at noon on **Wednesday 6 August 2025**. You can email in your nomination, complete it online at [www.boardelections.nz](http://www.boardelections.nz) or fill it in and drop it off at the school office. You can also send in a candidate statement and smiling photo with your nomination as well.

A copy of the electoral roll is kept at the school office and is available to be checked during usual school hours.

Voting will end at 4pm on Wednesday 10 September 2025.

## Teacher Only Days

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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, please email the office [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz)

## Cross Country

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**Date of Event: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

### Event Start times

Race	Start time
Puriri House	1:45pm
Rimu House	1:50pm
Year 7 (Competitive race)	2:00pm
Totara House	2:15pm
Kauri House	2:20pm
Year 8 (Competitive race)	2:30pm

### Fun Race - 1500m

Students must run the competitive race if they would like to qualify for Central Zone. They cannot run in both.

Please feel free to come along and support the runners. The best place to watch the races is from the road wall on Clarence Street, next to our field.



## Camp Fees

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The fee for attending camp this year is **\$350 for Year 7 and \$420 Year 8**. 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 Friday 12th September**.

<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.

## Kids to Camp Sponsorship

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

If you 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/>

## Samosa Fundraising for Camp – Kids to Camp

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We are doing a number of initiatives to help fundraise for Kids to Camp. In Term 1 we had our Ice Block Fridays, this term we will be selling samosas on **Wednesday 30 July** for **\$4** each. Students will indicate the number of Samosas they would like to purchase via a google form in our Daily Notices. Students will need to bring the money to pay for their Samosa on the day. Our first orders will be for vegetable Samosas only and we will look to add more flavours if there is interest.

If this is successful we will look to add two more Samosa Wednesdays before the end of this term. Please remind your child to order through the google form in the Daily Notices and bring the correct change on the day.

We will also continue with our Ice Block Fridays next term as well as a School Social happening later this term.

# Student Led Conferences

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Student Led Conferences are run every term at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Core subjects (English and Mathematics) hold conferences twice a year in Term 1 and Term 3.

Modular conferences happen every term (as students are involved in two different modular subjects each term).

## Conference Booking

### Core Conferences

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August - 3:30pm - 8:00pm**

(CORE code:) **uqzp4**

**Please include your child's room number.**

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/uqzp4>

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August - 3:30pm - 7:00pm**

(CORE code:) **4aawk**

**Please include your child's room number.**

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/4aawk>

*Penelope Dunn is unavailable for this evening. You can book in with her on the 20th August during the Module conferences*

## **Modular Conferences - (including Penelope Dunn - ENGLISH)**

**Wednesday 20<sup>st</sup> August - 3:30pm - 7:00pm**

(MODULE code:) 9yr4a

**Please include your child's room number.**

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/9yr4a>

**Wednesday 20<sup>st</sup> August - 3:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Penelope Dunn ONLY -  
ENGLISH (Rooms 15, 17, 23)**

CODE: j59r8

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/j59r8>

**Please include your child's room number.**

Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier.

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

[cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz)

### **Core Teachers:**

#### **English:**

**Katie Fiddian:** Teaching Rooms 11, 14

**Lauren Collins:** Teaching Rooms 3, 12, 16

**Inger Moffat:** Teaching Rooms 9, 25, 30

**Penelope Dunn:** Teaching Rooms 15, 17, 23

**Kellie Spencer:** Teaching Rooms 1, 21

**Stephanie Bruce:** Teaching Rooms 8, 26, 28

**Angela Lane:** Teaching Rooms 18, 20, 22

#### **Maths:**

**Ian Wannamaker:** Teaching Rooms, 12, 21, 25, 30

**Jennie Chatfield:** Teaching Rooms 1, 14, 18, 22

**Katherine Busch:** Teaching Rooms 15, 17, 23, 28

**Lisa Stephenson:** Teaching Rooms 3, 9, 16, 20

**Andrea Sherrock:** Teaching Room 8, 11, 26

### **Module Teachers:**

**Design Technologies: Cobey Bennett**

Teaching Rooms: 14, 15, 18, 25, 30

**Art: Sarah Valintine**

Teaching Rooms: 14, 15, 18, 30

**Art: Racheal Wilson**

Teaching Rooms: 25

**Performing Arts: Christine Cullen**

Teaching Rooms: 1, 16, 17, 23, 26

**Music: Claire Holmes**

Teaching Rooms: 1, 16, 17, 23, 26

**Health & P.E: Brooke Jameson**

**P.E & Health** - Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 14, 15, 23, 28

**P.E** - Teaching Rooms: 12, 16, 18, 17

**Health & P.E: Michelle Murray**

**PE & Health** - Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 20, 25, 26, 30

**Health** - Teaching Rooms: 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25

**Home Economics: Kelly Richardson**

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28

**Science: Sione Taupeaafa**

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28

**Science: Jane Jeon**

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 12, 21

**Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson**

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 12, 21

**Social Sciences: Sarah Howie**

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 25

**Learning Languages: Holly Francis**

Teaching Rooms: 8, 14, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28, 30



# Sports Update

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## Table Tennis Club

Table Tennis Club restarted this week and continues for Term 3 every Monday afternoon in the hall from 3:05-4:30pm.

There is space for students to play if you missed joining up again. Collect an Information/Permission Form letter from the 'Table Tennis' Box in the hall foyer. RETURN your form (signed) to Development Coach Ebi Kleiser on Monday TTC or email Ebi for further information: [tabletennisnr@gmail.com](mailto:tabletennisnr@gmail.com)

## Archery

Year 8 student Mikey Fraser-House has just been selected to represent NZ in Archery. He is part of the Trans-Tasman team (NZ Youth) who will face off against Australia in the September holidays in Christchurch, a fiercely contested international event. The biennial competition will bring together top youth archers from both sides of the Tasman Sea, with competitors representing their countries in a variety of events/bow types across several age groups. Mikey was selected for the team after having a very successful 2024/2025 archery season culminating with the NZ Nationals held over Easter where he won numerous medals and was awarded the NZ Youth Men's Champion of Champion Trophy. 2025 is the first time barebow will be shot at the tournament and Mikey will be competing in the Open Barebow section against archers up to 21 years of age. Archers will compete in ranking rounds, individual match play, and team match play events, across four days of high-pressure shooting. Good luck for the event Mikey!



# Stacy Gregg Author Visit

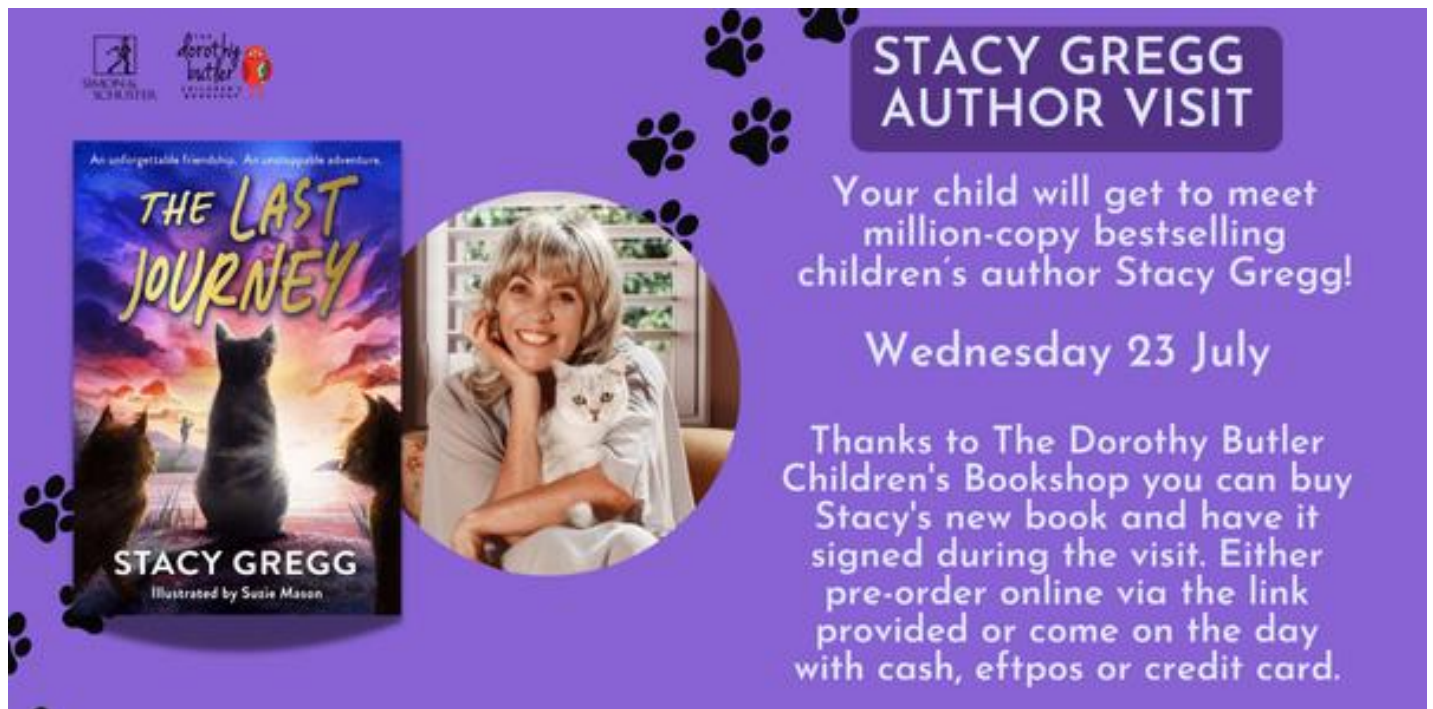
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Ponsonby Intermediate were privileged to host local best-selling author, Stacy Gregg, on Wednesday 23 July for an inspiring author talk.

Stacy is best known for Pony Club Secrets, an internationally successful series of children's novels featuring horses. Her book **Nine Girls** won the Margaret Mahy Book of the Year Award at the 2024 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. Her latest book, **The Last Journey**, is published this month.

If you are interested in purchasing these books for your children you can purchase them online via the following link:

[Stacy Gregg Book Orders](#)



The poster has a purple background decorated with black paw prints. On the left is the book cover for 'THE LAST JOURNEY' by Stacy Gregg, illustrated by Susie Mason. The cover shows three cats looking out at a sunset. Above the book cover are logos for 'SHARPS SCHUTTER' and 'The Dorothy Butler Children's Bookshop'. In the center is a circular photo of Stacy Gregg smiling and holding a white cat. To the right, white text on a dark purple background reads 'STACY GREGG AUTHOR VISIT'. Below this, white text on the purple background says 'Your child will get to meet million-copy bestselling children's author Stacy Gregg!'. Further down, it says 'Wednesday 23 July'. At the bottom, it says 'Thanks to The Dorothy Butler Children's Bookshop you can buy Stacy's new book and have it signed during the visit. Either pre-order online via the link provided or come on the day with cash, eftpos or credit card.'

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# Options Term 3

Below are the options running in Term 3.

<p><b>The Kindness Collective : Mrs Chatfield - Room 1</b></p> <p>In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND! Do you love sharing good vibes? Come along and be a part of spreading positivity! Create videos, write shout outs, design cards and offer inspirational feel good messages.</p>	<p><b>Painting: Mrs Wilson- Room 18</b></p> <p>Unleash your inner artist with fun, stress-free painting sessions perfect for beginners! Each week, dive into a brand-new creative challenge using different techniques and materials—from brushes to sponges, watercolors to acrylics. Whether you're looking to unwind or spark your imagination, this is your time to relax, experiment, and make something beautiful..</p>
<p><b>Touch Typing: Miss Rees: Room 3</b></p> <p>Want to type faster and more accurately? In Touch Typing, you'll learn the correct finger placement, improve your speed, and build confidence using a keyboard—all through fun activities and challenges. Get ready to boost your typing skills and impress everyone with your speed!</p>	<p><b>Movie Music: Miss Holmes: Room 7</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>Fibre and friends: Miss Bruce - Room 8</b></p> <p>Want to learn a cool new skill and make something awesome with your own two hands? Join crochet club, where we turn yarn into magic one stitch at a time! Whether you're a total beginner or already know your way around a hook, this is the place to chill out and get creative.</p>	<p><b>Art History to Today : Ms Moffat - Room 9</b></p> <p>Love Art? Enjoy Learn about art over time! We will look at art movements that include Renaissance to Impressionism, to Pop Art, Cubism, Surrealism and Abstract! Some of the artist's we'll meet along the way include Leo de Vinci, Vincent Van Gogh, Andy Warhol, Salvador Dali... We'll even be looking to meet some of our very talented NZ Artists. Some creative interpretations of famous artworks will be done along the way.</p>
<p><b>The Innovation Station: Miss Jeon - Room 14</b></p> <p>Do you love being creative?! Do you love making your ideas come to life?! Come and challenge yourself to think like a scientist and build like an engineer.</p>	<p><b>Game Master: Mr T- Room 15</b></p> <p>Backgammon, Othello, Chess, Uno and Phase 10. If you enjoy playing these games or bring your favourite and play against others.</p>
<p><b>Sweet Treats: Mrs Richardson- Room 16</b></p> <p>Sweeten up your Thursday afternoons by learning some new recipes and making some sweet treats such as lollicake and rocky road. <u>This option is available to YEAR 8s ONLY and is not suitable for students with allergies.</u> You may be required to provide some of your own ingredients.</p>	<p><b>The Art of Depth: Miss Jameson - Room 2</b></p> <p>Love drawing but want to try something new? One-point perspective is like a cool magic trick for your art—it makes everything look like it's going into the distance, all the way to one single point! Want to draw roads that stretch forever or hallways that feel real? This is the style for you!"</p>
<p><b>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson: Room 19</b></p> <p>Welcome to the future! We will be designing in 3D and printing on our school 3D printers. This option is open to both Year 7 and Year 8 students.</p>	<p><b>Paint by numbers: Mrs Spencer - Room 21</b></p> <p>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</p>

	your room. Be aware, the options are mostly flowers/plants.
<b>Picasso in Pastels! 🎨 : Mrs Lane - Room 22</b> Unleash your inner artist and dive into a world of colour and creativity! Whether you're a seasoned Picasso wannabe or just looking to try something new, this workshop will have you blending pastels like a pro. Come create your very own masterpiece to take home (or at least brag about!). No experience needed—just bring your imagination.	<b>Capital City Tour : Mrs Howie - Room 25</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Preselected</b></p>
<b>Absolutely Puzzling: Ms Edwards- Room 26</b> Do you enjoy solving a good puzzle? in this option we will look at Dingbats, Whatchamacallits and lateral thinking puzzles. We will work in pairs, groups and as a whole class to solve all sorts of puzzles (but not jigsaws). We may even get a chance to dive into the weird and wonderful, hands-on puzzles Ms E has collected.	<b>Journey Through Space - Ms Busch- Room 28</b> 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.
<b>Street Art: Mr Wannamaker - Room 30</b> Looking to channel your inner Banksy? Want to express yourself creatively? Enjoy letters and vibrant colours? Then Street Art option is for you! We will take a closer look at what graffiti is. Here you will be able to plan, design, create and produce your own street art masterpiece. It will have your name and signature 'tag' all over it. Something you can show off proudly!	<b>DIY Glam Shoebox: Mrs Murray - Room 17</b> If you're a DIY 'Do it Yourself' type person, then sign up now for this Option. You'll transform an old shoebox into a gorgeous glamorous box. Decorate with glossy magazine cutouts, flashy wrapping paper, beading and much more to repurpose your shoebox for whatever you want it to be!!
<b>Hard out Sports - Mr Wilson - Field</b> 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!	<b>Minecraft Education - Mrs Maitland-Smith-HUB</b> Level up your learning! 🚀 Join the Minecraft Education group and build, create, and explore while mastering teamwork, problem-solving, and coding skills! 🎮 Don't just play—learn in the most epic way possible! 🎮
<b>Dance: Mrs Cullen / Mrs Fiddian - Hall</b> Do you enjoy dancing? Do you enjoy exploring different genres of dance? Do you enjoy working with others? Join this option and have fun choreographing, exploring and challenging yourself in the world of movement with Mrs Cullen, Mrs Fiddian and guest dance teachers.	<b>Sports Academy - Mr Bennie- Bball Court</b> Sports specific conditioning and training as well as game strategy and learning spatial awareness within a range of sports.
<b>Newspaper team training: Ms Collins - Room 12</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pre-selected - you can't choose this option</b></p>	<b>Kapa Haka: Mrs Bolesworth - Room 6</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>preselected</b></p>



## Absences and Lateness – repeat notice

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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 students' absence they will be marked as truant.

## Appointments – repeat notice

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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.

## School TV – Friendship and Belonging

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It is not always easy for children and teenagers to always know how to manage friendships. Learning how to make new friends and keep them involves a number of skills every young person needs to understand and develop. For some these skills will come very naturally, allowing them to easily move between different friendship groups, sharing their experiences and opening up to new people. For others, this can be much harder to navigate. Belonging to a group that is like-minded with similar interests is highly beneficial to a child's wellbeing. Friendships are full of ups and downs and it is better for kids to learn how to manage and build their own friendships, even though as an adult carer you may be tempted to interfere.

Click on this link to find more articles and resources to support your child with friendships.  
<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/friendship-belonging>

# Should I give my Kid a Phone?

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Should I give my kid a phone? A link to some Helpful tips and tricks from Rob Cope

[Should I give my Kid a Phone?](#)

# Ponsonby Intermediate Calendar - Term 3, 2025

Calendar subject to change

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	21 July	22 July	23 July	24 July	25 July
		Open Morning <b>Burn Bright</b> (All day Workshop)  CZ Boys Netball	Stacy Gregg author visit - whole school @ 1:35pm	Roadshow Practise Day	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
		Performance Evening @ 7pm	Open Evening @ 6pm  BOT Nominations close	CZ Boys/Girls Rugby League	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 BOT voting opens		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
7	25 August	26 August	27 August	28 August	29 August
	Bandquest @ Bruce Mason Centre	Wellington Trip leaves			Swim League 30 Aug
	1 September	2 September	3 September	4 September	5 September
8			Out of Zone Enrolment Ballot		
9	8 September	9 September	10 September	11 September	12 September
		BOT meeting (TBC)	BOT Voting closes 4pm		Teacher Only Day
10	15 September	16 September	17 September	18 September	19 September
	CZ Boys Basketball		CZ Girls Basketball		



# 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](mailto: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.

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