



**Ponsonby**  
Intermediate School



## Weekly Reminders and updates - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025

### Cross Country

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**Event Date: 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

#### Distances

**Competitive Race - 3000m**

**Fun Race - 1500m**

This year we are doing the Cross Country slightly different. We will have our competitive races and our non-competitive house races.

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

All students who compete will earn points for their house. The competitive race runners will earn more points for their house as they will be running 2 laps of the course.

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.

## Performance Evening Date Change

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The Performance Evening has changed to **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August** from the previously advised Tuesday. Come along to see some amazing talent that has been performing at our local primary schools.

We will also have a 'Kids to Camp' Koha at the front door if you would like to make a contribution.

## ICAS

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Next week we kick off ICAS testing. Please see below the timetable for the testing that will take place in the Hub. If for some reason the students miss the planned test but are present later in the same week there will be make-up tests held on the Friday mornings. If you have any questions please contact Cherie Bolesworth [cherieb@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:cherieb@ponsint.school.nz)

Week	Day	Start Time	Subject
Week 4	Tuesday	8:45 AM	Digital Tech
Week 4	Wednesday	8:45 AM	Writing
Week 5	Tuesday	8:45 AM	English
Week 6	Tuesday	8:45 AM	Science
Week 6	Thursday	8:45 AM	Spelling Bee
Week 7	Monday	11:00 AM	Mathematics

## Samosa Wednesdays

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Due to the huge success of our Samosa sales on Wednesday, we will be continuing this fundraiser for the remainder of the term. Students will just need to bring cash on the day or pay in advance, \$4 each (maximum of 3). Students do not need to fill in the google form anymore and we will put lots of reminders in our daily notices.

We will sell Samosas every Wednesday of Term 3. This will help raise funds for camp and other initiatives for students.

# Safety at the front gate

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Recently we have noticed an increase in parents parking incorrectly when picking up and dropping of students.

## **Please do not**

- **pull into our Clarence Street driveway**
- **park on the yellow lines**
- **double park on Clarence Street**

You may “only be a minute” but this is creating dangerous situations as a large number of our students use this driveway to enter and exit from school.

We also have teachers on duty to help students cross the road and it is very difficult for them to ensure the students safety if you are calling your child across the road when they have been asked to stop and wait.

An alternative to avoid the rush is to arrange to meet your student 5 – 10 minutes later or away from the school gate.

We appreciate your support to keep our students safe.