

Important Dates

2nd-9th November

Auckland Schools Art
Exhibition – Wynyard
Quarter

7 November

United Nations Day

11 November

BoT Meeting

12 November

School Athletics Day –
Mt Smart Stadium

13 November

Modular Conferences
3:30pm – 5:30pm

19 November

Central Zone Athletics

24 - 28 November

Positively Ponsonby
Week

26 November

Art Exhibition from
3.15pm
Prizegiving at 5:30pm

27 November

Year 8 Immunisations –
HPV #2
Boostrix Catchup

Principal's Message

We are keeping students busy, engaged and focussed on their learning. In PE classes they are training hard for the upcoming Athletics Day, which is held at Mt Smart Stadium in two weeks' time, on Wednesday 12 November. In English, the Year 7's are working on persuasive writing with a unit of work - "The Power of Words" and the Year 8's have the unit "How Does Poetry Enrich our Lives". The Maths team has a focus on Measurement and Geometry.

It's also great to see so many of our students participating in the large number of social and competitive lunchtime activities that are on offer every day.

Our first 'United Nations Day' is set for Friday 7 November. Students have chosen a nation that they identify with and our teachers have encouraged them to discuss with whānau about their heritage and maybe even borrow something to wear in the Parade of Nations.

Our Annual Art Exhibition to be held in the Library on Wednesday 26 November is going to be amazing, art in this community is superb. Thank you to Ms Sarah Valentine for her awesome efforts.

Ngā mihi,

Nick Wilson

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Sports Update

Girls Volleyball

Ponsonby Intermediate CZ Girls Volleyball team had an impressive tournament last week. Players Irie Tanu and Natasha Taufu recount the team's day..

On Thursday 16th October we went out to the North Shore Event Centre to play in the Girls Volleyball Tournament. In our first game we played against Marist, a close game that ended in a tie, 27 all. In our second game we played ANI with us winning 27-24. Our third game we played Mount Roskill with another win, 28-23. Then we beat Dio, leading all the way to finish 32-23. Next we versed Pasadena, which ended in a draw. We made it through to the semi-finals and had a really tough game against Wesley, but we ended up winning 28-24. We played Waikowhai in the final. It was a really solid game with both teams trying really hard and having some long hitting rallies. We won 26-24 and came 1st overall out of 14 teams. We're now headed to Interzone Volleyball on Thursday 30th of October. Shout outs to Clara for being an awesome middle, Angie for perfect passing, Irie for being an amazing server, Tasha for being good at saving, MJ for really nice setting up when getting the ball, Carlotta for supporting her teammates (and being very cheerful), Ella for great blocks and Izzy for giving this tournament her all. Thanks to coach Ms Murray and our parent supporters.





Litex 2025

The inaugural Litex competition was held last Wednesday 22 October at Northcote Intermediate. Litex is a new event which combines elements of the Kids' Lit Quiz and Mathex.

In teams, students race to answer literary questions within a 40 minute time frame. Ponsonby fielded two teams of four students. Out of approximately 40 teams, Team 1 scored 2nd equal on points and were placed third, one second behind the next team. It was a very exciting afternoon and we were delighted with the results.

Team 1: Anton Gene Garcia, Angie Broughton, Caroline Wood and Spike Eek

Team 2: Isobel Smith, Reyansh Misra, Ruby Carter and Anna Matthews

Mrs Dunn



Diwali

The festival of lights was celebrated at school last week with a range of activities organised by Moski Lallu, mother of Rohan in Room 3. From Rangoli art sessions to Indian cooking classes, the students had the opportunity to try some of the cultural elements of this celebration.

On Friday, Moski spent the morning dressing the female staff in stunning saris, and at lunch break all students were invited to try a traditional sweet called Jalebi. We are so grateful to Moski for the time, effort, and warmth she shared in bringing Diwali to life at our school. We hope all our families who celebrate Diwali enjoyed this special celebration with family and friends.





Middle School Art Exhibition – 2-9 November (Repeat Notice)

Congratulations to the talented students whose artwork has been selected for display in this year's Auckland Middle School Art Exhibition! This special event celebrates outstanding student art from across Tāmaki Makaurau.

The Ponsonby community is warmly invited to visit the exhibition at **Silo 6, Wynyard Quarter**, from **2–9 November**. Come along and support our talented artists!

Alvin Shao
Sally Youngman
Thomas Heslin
Kerr Huang
Chanel Katsanos
Winston Hunter
Chloe Roa Read
Mixki Patcharakarn
Darina Herceg
William Zhang

Art Exhibition – Wednesday 26 November

We are excited to invite you to our annual **School Art Exhibition**, taking place **after school in our Library on Wednesday, 26th November (Week 8)**.

This year's theme is **"Pop Art with a Kiwiana Twist"**, and it promises to be a vibrant celebration of creativity and culture. The exhibition is a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their mahi and for our community to celebrate the talent of our young artists.

Viewing starts at 3:15 PM

Prizegiving will be held at 5:30 PM

Please save the date and come along to support our students!



Poster artwork by Siara Sepulveda Becerra, Caroline Wood, Chloe Tyson, Harry Johnston, Yejun Seon, Daniel Loria, Chanel Katsanos, Taylor Earp, Edie Crysell



Art work by Alvin Shao

Athletics Day Information – Wednesday 12 November

In Week 6 on **Wednesday 12 November** we have our whole school athletics Day. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend this event. More information below:

When: Wednesday 12 November

Where: Mt Smart Stadium

Students, please remember:

- Full PE uniform
- Covered shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Warm clothing
- Full water bottle and a packed lunch – Bring a healthy one!
- Asthma inhaler if needed
- And their house spirit

Students are allowed to wear spikes for 100m, 200m, 400m

We will be travelling to the event on buses at 9.00am and returning by 3.00pm.

There is a full timetable of the track and field events at the end of this Newsletter

United Nations Day - repeat notice

This exciting new event will take place on Friday 7 November Week 5. It's a great time for students to ask grandparents or other whānau about their heritage, and maybe even borrow something to wear in the Parade of Nations. If you have a flag for the country your child will represent, please let us know if we are able to borrow it for the day (hollyf@ponsint.school.nz).

Student Led Conferences

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

Modular Conferences

Wednesday 13 November - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

(MODULE code:) **2kupj**

Please include your child's room number.

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

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

Thanks,
Cobey Bennett
cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz

Module Teachers:

Design Technologies: Cobey Bennett

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28

Art: Sarah Valintine

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 28

Art: Racheal Wilson

Teaching Rooms: 3, 22

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

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

Music: Claire Holmes

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

Health & P.E: Brooke Jameson

P.E & Health - Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 14, 15, 23, 25, 28

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

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

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

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

Home Economics: Kelly Richardson

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

Science: Sione Taupeaafa

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

Science: Jane Jeon

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

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

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

Social Sciences: Sarah Howie

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

Learning Languages: Holly Francis

Teaching Rooms: 8, 11, 14, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28, 30



UNITED NATIONS DAY

WEEK 5, TERM 4



FOOTBALL FRIENDLY

Lunch time on the field

MON

CULTURAL GAMES

Lunch time on the field + hall

WED

CALLIGRAPHY + ORIGAMI

Lunch time in the library

THUR

PARADE OF NATIONS CULTURAL MARKET

Lunch time in Room 24

FRI



In this edition of SchoolTV - Neurodiversity

Neurodiversity emphasises the natural variation in how an individual's brain functions and how they perceive and interact with the world, leading to diverse ways of learning and communicating. While most young people are neurotypical, some exhibit variations in brain development, such as ADHD, autism or dyslexia, making them neurodivergent.

Embracing neurodiversity involves accepting, celebrating, and supporting neurodivergent children and adolescents without attempting to change or treat their differences. Using respectful language, challenging unhelpful attitudes, avoiding assumptions, and actively promoting inclusivity can help embrace neurodiversity effectively.

Acknowledging the unique ways neurodiverse young people do things and then adapting tasks and activities to ensure their full participation will encourage them to develop strategies that feel natural to them. It will help improve their mental health, wellbeing and sense of self. By recognising and nurturing their strengths, parents and caregivers can contribute to building an inclusive and compassionate society where all young people can thrive.

Learning more about neurodiversity, equips caregivers with insights into effective communication techniques, educational strategies, and parenting approaches tailored to the specific needs of their neurodivergent child.

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 Neurodiversity edition of SchoolTV

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

Term 4 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October
4	Labour Day	CZ Girls Touch	Yearbook Sports and Extra-Curricular photos	CZ Boys/mixed Touch	Auckland Schools Art Exhibition- Wynyard Quarter 1st-9th Nov
	3 November	4 November	5 November	6 November	7 November
5					United Nations Day
	10 November	11 November	12 November	13 November	14 November
6		BOT Meeting – 6pm	Ponsonby Athletics Day @ Mt Smart Stadium	Out of Zone Testing- 9am - 10:15am Modular Conferences 3:30pm – 5.30pm	
	17 November	18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November
7			CZ Athletics		
	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November
	Positively Ponsonby Week				
8		CZ Kio-Rahi	Art Exhibition Library 3.15pm 5:30pm Prizegiving	HPV 2 (Year 8) Boostrix Catchup	
	1 December	2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December
9		HPV 2 catch ups BOT Meeting – 6pm		VIP Morning Tea	
	8 December	9 December	10 December	11 December	12 December
10			11:30am Year 7 Prizegiving	11:30am Year 8 Prizegiving Year 8 finish at 12:30pm Graduation 5:45pm	Year 7's Only 12pm finish

Athletics Day Timetable – Wednesday 12 November

Track Events

9:45am	BOYS/GIRLS	1500m	Boys – Year 7
		1500m	Boys – Year 8
		1500m	Girls – Year 7
		1500m	Girls – Year 8
10:00 – 11:45am	GIRLS	100m	Heats
		200m	Heats
		400m	Straight Final (Top 3 times)
12:00 – 1:45pm	BOYS	100m	Heats
		200m	Heats
		400m	Straight Final (Top 3 times)

Field Events

EVENT	BOYS				GIRLS			
	10:00	10:25	10:50	11:15	12:15	12:40	1:05	1:30
High Jump	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara
Long Jump	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri
Discus	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu
Shot Put	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri

Finals

1:40pm	BOYS and GIRLS	100m
1:50pm	BOYS and GIRLS	200m
2:05pm	YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	Class Relay



**PONSONBY
INTERMEDIATE
PRESENTS**

ART EXHIBITION 2025

WEDNESDAY 26 November

SCHOOL LIBRARY

VIEWING:

3.15pm-5:30pm

PRIZE GIVING: 5:30pm

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

AT
PONSONBY COMMUNITY CENTRE
20 PONSONBY TERRACE

Saturday 1st
November!
11:30am
- 2:30pm

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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