

19 November 2025

Important Dates

19 November
Central Zone Athletics

24 - 28 November
Positively Ponsonby
Week

26 November
Art Exhibition from 3.15
Prizegiving at 5:30pm

27 November
Immunisations –
HPV #2
Boostrix Catchup

2 December
BoT Meeting 6pm

10 December
Year 7 Prizegiving –
11:00am

11 December
Year 8 Prizegiving –
11:00am

Year 8's finish at
12:30pm

GRADUATION 5:45pm –
8:30pm

12 December
Year 7's only – 12pm
finish

Principal's Message

Our United Nations Day was an outstanding celebration, with 65 nations represented. It was an incredibly vibrant and positive occasion that truly showcased the diversity of our community.

After postponing Athletics Day last week, we were pleased to finally hold the event on Monday. The level of student participation was excellent, I saw students across all year levels giving their very best. Every student completed four field events and at least two track events. The final races of the day, the class relays, were a joy to watch. Congratulations to Room 14 and Room 1 on their wins!

While at the Mt Smart track, I had an encouraging conversation with the stadium caretaker, Geoff, whom I have known for many years. He was extremely impressed with our students - their participation, behaviour, and support for one another. He also commented on how confidently our staff managed the event and how well the students had been prepared during their PE lessons. High praise from someone who has seen more athletic events than almost anyone! A huge thank you to Matt Bennie, Michelle Murray, and Brooke Jameson for organising such a fantastic day.

November is a busy time for teachers and schools as we complete assessments, write reports, and support students through their transitions. I know this time of year is also very busy for parents—thank you for your continued support.

Please take note of the information in this newsletter regarding our end-of-year Prizegiving and Graduation ceremonies.

Ngā mihi,

Nick Wilson

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United Nations Day

On Friday, the school was filled with colour and cultural pride, as the students participated in a Parade of Nations with 65 different nations represented. The celebrations continued at assembly with a song from the choir, a dance that combined all five of the school dance groups, and a video speech recorded especially for us by the head of the United Nations Development Program. At lunch break, the Cultural Ambassadors hosted a cultural market, with delicious food from around the world. Sincere thanks to all of the families for helping their children prepare for the day, through discussion about their heritage, preparation of traditional clothes or cooking for the market.





Athletics Day Results 2025

We had stunning weather out at Mt Smart on Monday. The participation level was incredible and students were very supportive of each other on the track and in the field.

Congratulations to our place getters and well done to all the teachers for making the day happen.

Best of luck to all students who qualified for the CZ team taking place today!

Final Results – Monday 17 November

Year 7 Girls									
Track	1 st	Rm	Time	2nd	Rm	Time	3rd	Rm	Time
1500m	Amelia Bell	28	6:03.00	Jade Brainard	28	6:14.05	E Rimell	3	6:36.00
800m	Amelia Bell	28	2:56.32	Jade Brainard	28		Ruby McKubre	1	
400m	Amelia Bell	28	1:13.44	Ruby McKubre Jochebed Shuaibu	1 3	1:17.34 1:17.34			
200m	Molly Barron	25	33.56	Jochebed Shuaibu	3	33.97	Ruby McKubre	1	34.22
100m	Amelia Bell	28	15.22	Molly Barron	25	15.57	Ruby McKubre	1	15.62
							4th Maelee Sotome	3	16.08
Relay									
Field	1st	Rm	Length/ Height	2nd	Rm	Length/Height	3rd	Rm	Length/ Height
High Jump	Amelia Bell	28	120	Zitong Wu	11	117	Isabella Symonds	3	117
Long Jump	Ruby McKubre	1	3.81	Darina Herceg	11	3.68	Isabella Symonds	3	3.60
Discus	Ishana Patel-Kotecha	8	13.10	Lilliana Bidlake	11	11.35	E Rimell	3	10.92
Shot put	Ishana Patel-Kotecha	8	7.10	Ziva-Snow Holo	8	6.30	Maisie Mitchell	28	5.70

Year 7 Boys									
Track	1 st	Rm	Time	2nd	Rm	Time	3rd	Rm	Time
1500m	Jacob Griffiths	15	5:34.00	Paddy Mullin	11	6:01.31			
800m	Edward Jones	15	2:51.87	Luca Taylor	25		Eli Muirhead	1	
400m	Edward Jones	15	1:11.78	Paddy Mullin-Butt	11	1:15.59	Max Payne	26	1:19.37
200m	Ritchie Henry	3	30.97	Jacob Griffiths	15	31.47	Presley Mak	9	31.66
100m	Jacob Griffiths	15	14.78	Ritchie Henry	3	18.88	Daniel Dhanji	3	16.81
							Edward Jones	15	

Relay		1			3			8	
Field	1st	Rm	Length/ Height	2nd	Rm	Length/ Height	3rd	Rm	Length/ Height
High Jump	Louie Russell Ben Waa	1 28	120 120				Kieran Saunders Paddy Mullin-Butt	28 11	118 118
Long Jump	Meldric Corneille	8	3.88	Jacob Griffiths	15	3.86	Presley Mak	9	3.80
Discus	Jason Xie	26	15.18	Oscar Berry	11	14.33	Arlo Slavin	26	12.37
Shot put	Jason Xie	26	8.40	Jacob Misa	3	7.68	Noah David	8	7.62

Year 8 Girls									
Track	1 st	Rm	Time	2nd	Rm	Time	3rd	Rm	Time
1500m	Isobel Smith	23	6:29.00	Sally Youngman	23	6:43.43	Lily King	17	6:44.77
800m	Ella Wilson-Winiata	14	2:53.25	Isobel Smith	23		Lily King	17	
400m	Sally Youngman	23	1:10.15	Ella Wilson-Winiata	14	1:10.87	Isobel Smith	23	1:15.56
200m	Natasha Taufa	30	32.47	Sally Youngman	23	32.53	Ella Wilson-Winiata	14	32.97
100m	Natasha Taufa	30	14.75	Sally Youngman	23	15.09	Clara Grogan-Berks		15.12
							4th Chloe Nguyen		15.65
Field	1st	Rm	Length/ Height	2nd	Rm	Length/ Height	3rd	Rm	Length/ Height
High Jump	Izzy Roberts	14	138	Brooke Glidden	22	135	Issy Heilesen Conny Lee	22 12	120 120
Long Jump	Carlotta Rennie Corbalan	23	3.70	Brooke Glidden	22	3.60	Ella Wilson-Winiata	14	3.58
Discus	Sally Youngman	23	17.48	Lily King	17	14.20	Minnie Donaldson	17	14.11
Shot put	Natasha Taufa	30	7.36	Connie Lee	12	7.31	Molly Dennison	22	7.21

Year 8 Boys									
Track	1 st	Rm	Time	2nd	Rm	Time	3rd	Rm	Time
1500m	Anton Gene Garcia	23	5:32.00	Hamish Reynolds	23	5:43.00	Oliver Ekanayaka	21	5:44.34
800m	Hamish Reynolds	23	2:49.59	Oliver Ekanayaka	21		Alex Gitsham	18	
400m	Oliver Ekanayaka	21	1:09.71	Alex Gitsham	18	1:11.63	Ayaan Nafees	17	1:13.06
200m	Mikhail Kislanskih	14	29.65	Sam van Grinsven	12	30.00	Kai White	14	30.37
100m	Mikhail Kislanskih	14	13.97	Israel Akeripa	30	14.16	Carlo Johnstone	17	14.43
							4th Team Krasaeboot	14	14.50
Relay		14			30				
Field	1st				Rm	Length/Height			
High Jump	Anton Gene Garcia				23	140			
	Sam van Grinsven				12	140			
	Daniel Mallinson				23	140			
Long Jump	Sam van Grinsven	12	4.42	Anton Gene Garcia	23	4.40	Isaac Barton	23	4.06
Discus	Logan Crosswell	22	28.74	Hano Maka	18	21.43	Louie Martinus	21	20.64
Shot put	Logan Crosswell	22	8.15	Juanze Wallace	18	7.85	Jayden Obute	21	7.80

End of Year Prizegiving

This year the Year 7 Prizegiving ceremony will be held on Wednesday 10th December beginning at 11:00am.

The Year 8 prizegiving ceremony will take place on Thursday 11th December beginning at 11:00am. There will be parking on the field and allocated seating for family and friends.

Year 8 students may go home following their ceremony (approx 12:30pm) and return at 5:45pm for the Graduation Ceremony.

Your child will be notified on Monday 1st December if they are receiving a prize. They will be bringing a letter home on that day with the necessary information. We encourage you to come along to celebrate your child's success with us, however, please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate school hall has a limited amount of space so please carefully consider the number of family members.

Not all students will receive a prize, but we would remind all parents and caregivers that throughout the year we recognise and celebrate students' success during our weekly school assemblies and on other occasions.

Year 8 Graduation

We will be celebrating the Year 8 students' two year 'Ponsonby Experience' on Thursday 11th December with a special Graduation Ceremony. A letter outlining this event will be sent home shortly. Graduation is \$10 and includes a class shared dinner. Tickets will go on sale next week. The letter will provide specific information about the event and what your child will need to bring on the night. It is a formal evening so we encourage the Year 8 students to dress smartly.

Please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate School Hall has a limited amount of space so please carefully consider the number of family members. There will also be parking on the field.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the amazing two years your child has had at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Art Exhibition – Reminder Notice

Art Exhibition - Wednesday 26th of November

Ponsonby Intermediate School warmly invites friends and whānau to celebrate the visual arts mahi of our talented student artists. The exhibition will take place in the Library. Viewing from 3:15pm, Prizegiving 5:30pm. Come along and celebrate!



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

Japanese Calligraphy and Origami Workshop

As part of the United Nations celebrations, lunch time activities ran throughout the week. On Monday there was a Football Friendly between countries, on Wednesday there were Cultural Games, and on Thursday there was a Japanese workshop in the library. The Japanese students and parents hosted the event and many students came along to enjoy the 'Omotenashi' (Japanese concept of selfless hospitality). Thank you to the parents and to Kanako Sudo for organising this special event.



Operation Kindness

'Give a Kid a Blanket' are providing Food & Necessities Hampers to families nominated by Police and Public Health Staff over Christmas/New Year. As a school we wish to support this worthy cause.

We are asking families to donate the following:

Non perishable food items:

Christmas treat items, pasta, pasta sauce, crackers, biscuits, spreads, jelly mix, tea, coffee, milo, canned fruit, dried fruit/nuts, spaghetti, baked beans, tomato sauce, breakfast cereals, snack bars, baking ingredients such as flour and sugar, long life milk.

Toiletries and cleaning products:

Shampoo, conditioner, soap, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, laundry powder, dishwashing liquid

New toys or gifts:

Unwrapped and it is important they are new.

We need your generous donations by the end of November. Thank you in advance.



School TV Episode

In this edition of SchoolTV - School Transitions

Whether it is starting school for the first time, moving up to a higher grade or embarking on a journey through secondary school, there is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing up!

However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at a number of different stages. These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents.



In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn practical strategies to assist your child during the transition process and reduce stress and anxiety levels.

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 School Transitions edition of SchoolTV

<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions>

St Pierres added to ezlunch



We're excited to share some tasty news with our **Ponsonby Intermediate School** whānau!

Commencing next week, Monday 24 November, **St Pierres' Sushi & Bento Bowl Ponsonby** is now available order through Ezlunch — giving you even more choice when it comes to healthy, convenient lunches for your tamariki.

Here's what's on the menu:

Monday to Friday -

- St Pierres - mini and regular sushi, walker half rolls and rice meals
- Go-Deli - warm and cold mains, Asian flavours, snacks, desserts and drinks.
- Subway - 6 inch subs, combos and extras

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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