

## Important Dates

### 9 December

House Reward – Puriri  
House 1pm-2.45pm

### 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

### 2026 Start Dates

### 29 January

First Day – 8:30am start

Year 7's meet in the Hall

Year 8's meet on the  
basketball Court

## Principal's Message

During the past fortnight we have kept the Ponsonby Experience as action packed as possible. Curriculum programmes continue right through into the final week of school.

With the Prizegivings coming up, please note that not every student can receive an award, however, every student should feel a sense of achievement as the Ponsonby Experience draws to a close for 2025. Our Year 8 students are well prepared for secondary school and we have another exciting year planned for the returning Year 7's.

Students will bring home their copy of the Yearbook on Thursday 11 December and school reports will be sent by email.

Thank you for your support this year,

Ngā mihi,

**Nick Wilson**

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## Important Dates – Term 4 2025

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<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>House Reward – Puriri House 1pm – 2.45pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 7 Prizegiving @ 11am</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 8 Prizegiving @ 11am Year 8 Finish school 12.30pm Year 8 Graduation 5.45pm – 8:30pm</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 7 students only attend school School Finishes 12.00pm</b>

## End of Year Prizegiving

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The Year 7 Prizegiving ceremony will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December beginning at 11:00am.**

The Year 8 prizegiving ceremony will take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

You will have received a letter on Monday 1st December if your child is receiving a prize. The letter details the information you need to know for the respective prizegiving. 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

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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 was sent home last week. Graduation is \$10 and includes a class shared dinner. Tickets are on sale now. The letter your child received provided specific information about the event and what they 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.

## Giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

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Recent media coverage has raised questions about changes to how school boards give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The Ponsonby Intermediate Board would like to reassure our community that we will continue to uphold our current practices. There will be no change to the way the Board gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

## Art Exhibition Winners

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A huge congratulations to all the talented students who showcased their creativity at our Annual Exhibition last Wednesday! The evening was buzzing with energy as whānau and our local community came together to celebrate the hard work, imagination, and innovation of our learners.

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors, Hills Flooring and Bayleys Real Estate Ponsonby, whose support helped make this special event possible.

We're proud to recognise the following students for their outstanding contributions:

### Highly Commended

Igor Erkin, Eden Hui, Gelix Daulong, Zara Kennedy

### Finalists

Sofia Glucina, Caroline Wood, Charlotte Cheffins, Ruby Carter, Chanel Katsanos, Sally Youngman, William Zhang, Chloe Roa Read, Thomas Heslin, Max Sun-Jorey,

Mixki Patcharakarn, Yejun Seon, Angie Broughton, Aidan Lau, Thuta Kyawzaw, Milo Holloway, Louis Johnstone Wisbey, Clara Grogan-Berks, Maisie Allan, Ethan Bosch, Phoebe Robinson.

## **Place Winners**

### **Year 8**

Alvin Shao  
Kerr Huang  
Isobel Smith

### **Year 7**

Winston Hunter  
Marissa Chen  
Darina Herceg









## Basketball Wrap-up

Our basketball season was a huge success, with 9 teams proudly representing our school and showing great teamwork and determination each week. Congratulations to The Lightning, who came 1st place in Girls League 4, The Lakers who finished 2nd in Boys League 2, and The Jazz, who secured 2nd in Boys League 11. A big thank you to all our players for their dedication and to our amazing coaches for the time and support they put into every team - well done everyone on a fantastic season!



## Operation Kindness

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A huge thank you to all our families who donated to Operation Kindness, where we collected items to donate to the charity 'Give Kids A Blanket'. We collected over 700 items including food goods, personal items, cleaning products and gifts.



## Interzone Athletics results

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A big congratulations to our three Ponsonby students that competed in the Interzone Athletics last Thursday at Mt Smart. Interzone includes all nine zones across Auckland and is one of the biggest athletics events on the calendar in New Zealand for Intermediate schools.

**Amelia Bell** – 4<sup>th</sup> in 400m – 1.08.63

**Sally Youngman** – 9<sup>th</sup> in 400m – 1.08.26

**Logan Crosswell** – 14<sup>th</sup> in Discus – 23.41m

## Library

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We have a large number of library books outstanding for the year. Please help your child look under their bed, on book shelves and in bags to find these and return as soon as possible.

## 2026 Important Start Dates

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Date	Event
29 January	First Day – 8:30am Year 7's meet in the Hall Year 8's meet on Basketball Court
30 January	Form class all day
2 February	Timetable starts
3 February	Whānau Evening – 5:30pm
4 February	EOTC starts
5 February	Events and Activities Expo at 12:45pm
6 February	Waitangi Day
10 February	Setting up for Success Form Teacher Conference 1.20pm – 6pm (School closes 12.30pm)

## School TV Episode – School Transitions

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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>

## **AFC Football Holiday Camps**

### **Full list of December Holiday Camps:**

[https://footballschool.aucklandfc.co.nz/collections/holiday-camps?srltid=AfmBOorOe5xPSFJym4Oz9B28kKi9qp0ZmSn0uzaj2FGjaTieAnxlZ\\_Pi](https://footballschool.aucklandfc.co.nz/collections/holiday-camps?srltid=AfmBOorOe5xPSFJym4Oz9B28kKi9qp0ZmSn0uzaj2FGjaTieAnxlZ_Pi)

### **Derby Matchday Camp – 6 December (Auckland FC vs Wellington Phoenix):**

<https://footballschool.aucklandfc.co.nz/products/auckland-fc-vs-wellington-phoenix-06-december>

The Derby Camp is a special one, we're giving the kids an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience with a changing-room tour and dugout photos before heading into the coaching session. It's going to be a pretty memorable day for them.

Ages  
7-14

# Term 4 Classes

## Musical Theatre **Triple Threats incoming!**

Through singing, dancing and acting, students will tackle musical numbers, refine performance skills and bring characters to life. Open to all levels - from beginners to experienced performers! \$20 per session, Mondays 4:15pm & 5:15pm. Ages 7-10 & 11-14

## Drama **Discover the power of Drama**

In this class, students will use drama techniques such as role-play, tableau and improvisation to explore characters, express ideas and build confidence through creativity and collaboration. \$10-\$20 per session, Wednesdays/Thursdays 5:15pm. Ages 8+

## Writing Club **Join a community of young writers**

At Writing Club, students build on their writing skills, create texts for specific audiences, find their voice, and bring their ideas to life. Each week, they'll leave inspired and excited to keep writing! \$20 per session, Wednesdays/Thursdays 4:15pm. Ages 8+

## 1:1 Tutoring **Literacy & Numeracy support**

One-on-one tutoring sessions in literacy and numeracy tailored to meet each student's needs. \$60 per hour, Fridays/Saturdays - flexible timings. Ages 7+

If group tutoring sessions become available, these will be listed on the website and will be at a reduced rate.



★ **First class is free!**

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Please book in advance to confirm attendance.

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Studio**

## 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