

## Important Dates

### 6 February

Waitangi Day

### 9 February

Table Tennis Club Starts  
Netball Trials – Year 8

### 10 February

Setting Up For Success  
Conferences 1pm –  
6:30pm

Central Zone Girls Tennis

Netball Trials – Year 8

BoT Meeting 6pm

### 12 February

Swimming Sports

### 17 February

Netball Trials – Year 7

### 18 February

Central Zone Girls Softball

### 19 February

Kids Online Parents  
Information Evening with  
Rob Cope 6:30pm –  
8:30pm

Options Classes Start

### 26 February

Central Zone Boys Cricket

### 3 March

Core Conferences

## Principal's Message

Welcome to Ponsonby Intermediate School 2026.

It was great to meet so many of you at our Whānau Evening.

Today we held the “Ponsonby Events/Activities Expo” from 12:30pm – 1:20pm. This event is designed to give students and parents information about all the events on offer this year. You will find information about the Library, Rock Bands, Kapa Haka, Sports Teams and the other “thousands” of experiences we have on offer.

On Tuesday 10th February we have the “Setting up for Success Conferences”. This is an opportunity to book in with your Form Teacher and look at some goal setting. Booking information is included in the newsletter.

Thursday 19th February sees us host a parent information session about how you can help keep your children safe online. Rob Cope is an entertaining speaker and will be delivering some strong messages. The feedback last year was very positive. I encourage you to make the most of this free educational evening.

EOTC trips started yesterday. Parents are needed to assist with the EOTC trips so please look out for the EOTC trip information that is specific to your child.

As some of you may have noticed our Deputy Principal Matt Bennie has been absent for the start of our school year. Matt is on sabbatical leave and returns in July.

Finally, I have included information about the school costs and donation. It is important to note that the school will not pester you for ongoing requests of money. With school aged children myself, I find it frustrating when schools constantly ask for - bus fares, photocopy fees, art club supplies etc... I trust this one off payment will suit your modern family.

**Nick Wilson**

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## **Student Safety**

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If you are visiting the school at any time during the school day please check in at the Office.

At the front gate on Clarence Street there are painted yellow lines which indicate that there should be no stopping or parking. These lines are there to keep our students safe at the school gate. We also have a teacher on duty at the gate for safety reasons. While the majority of parents have proven to be responsible and have not picked up their children on these yellow lines there have been incidents when the teacher on duty has had to remind people about the existence of the yellow lines and the need for caution.

Clarence Street gets very busy at 3:05pm with children being picked up. This situation turns into a traffic jam on wet days, with the whole street getting blocked. A very dangerous situation for hundreds of children exiting the school all at once.

There are alternatives to picking up your child at the front gate at 3:05pm. Firstly, we have a rear car park at the bottom of Sheehan Street where there is far less traffic. Your child could meet you there. Another idea is to avoid the 'Rush' altogether, which only ever lasts 10 minutes, and pick your child up 10 – 15 minutes later than usual.

The main car park on Clarence Street cannot be used for picking up or dropping off children.

We also ask that you do not use the school driveway to turn into and reverse back onto Clarence Street.

## Kids Online Parent Information Evening

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We want our school to be a safe place. Because of the rapidly changing times our tamariki are growing up in, and the mounting challenges and harms they are facing online, we need to talk about and tackle this as a community. As such, Ponsonby Intermediate and our School Board have organised Author, Filmmaker and Speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online", to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community. The talk will be held at Ponsonby Intermediate School Hall on Thursday 19th February from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. As there is limited seating and tickets are shared with the wider community, we would like at least one adult from each Ponsonby Intermediate family to attend, this topic is too big for you not to pay attention to. This is a free community event for our parents and we would really appreciate your support around this topic by attending.

Students and children are asked not to attend this event, however, we will be offering supervision for students in the school Library. If you require caregiving for this evening please email [katie@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:katie@ponsint.school.nz)

It is for parents and caregivers only. Rob's mantra - *"We need to tackle this as a community so that all of our kids are safe. When you protect your kids online, you are also protecting mine and when I protect my kids online, I am also protecting yours"*.

Register to attend the evening at the link, please include the number of people attending and what you hope to get out of the presentation. We welcome you to bringing wider community as this message is important for all.

[Rob Cope Kids Online Attendance - Register Here!](#)

## Setting Up for Success Teacher Conferences

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Please book with your child's form teacher to help us set them up for a great year in 2026. These are conferences with both whānau and your child so we can all work together on their goals for the year.

### Online Conference Booking

Bookings can be made at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> using the school code or through the link below.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – 1:20 – 6:30pm**

(Code: **r72um**)

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/r72um>

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

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

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

**Room 1: Carolyn Hunter**

**Room 3: Lisa Stephenson**

**Room 8: Stephanie Bruce**

**Room 9: Inger Moffat**

**Room 11: Chrissie Cullen**

**Room 12: Jane Jeon**

**Room 14: Andrea Sherrock**

**Room 15: Sione Taupeaafe**

**Room 16: Kelly Richardson**

**Room 17: Sam Jardine**

**Room 18: Sarah Valentine**

**Room 19: Kristen Rees / Racheal Wilson**

**Room 20: Cobey Bennett**

**Room 21: Kellie Spencer**

**Room 22: Lauren Collins**

**Room 23: Penelope Dunn**

**Room 25: Sarah Howie**

**Room 26: Ellen Legge**

**Room 28: Katherine Busch**

**Room 30: Ian Wannamaker**

The Conferences will be 10 minutes long and will be held in the school hall.

If you have any queries please contact [katief@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:katief@ponsint.school.nz)

The school will close for instruction at 12:30pm this day. Supervision will be available in the Library for students that need this. Please email the office [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz) if your child requires supervision from 12:30pm - 3:05pm on Tuesday 10th February.

# Swimming Sports Information

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**Our School Swimming Sports will be held at Point Erin Pools, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

## **Year 7 Classes:**

Assemble on the Basketball Court at 8.35am – walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme begins at 9.00am.

**Year 7 students will finish the programme at 12:00pm, wait until the Year 8 students have entered the pool and have lunch upon returning to school.**

## **Year 8 Classes:**

Assemble on the Basketball Court 11:00am at the end of Interval. Walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme starts at 12:15pm. Finish at 2.30pm and walk back to school.

## **All students will need:**

Togs, Towel, Sweater or Rain jacket, Sunhat, Sunscreen, Lunch and their drink bottle.

Finals will be held in Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. All events are 33 metres in length, apart from 100m Freestyle. There are 2 fun races if time allows. All students are encouraged to enter at least 2 events, and will accumulate House Points. The full programme is at the end of this newsletter.

If your child cannot participate in the Swimming Sports, please make sure you have organised a note that is to be given to the form teacher on the morning of the event. There are fun races organised on the day so that all students can participate.

There is no use of the Point Erin Tuck-Shop, no chewing gum, energy drinks, fizzy drinks, and no glass bottles to be taken. Full programme at the end of this newsletter.

## **2026 School Fees (5% Discount Ending Soon)**

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To maintain the high standard of facilities and the educational opportunities/programmes our school now offers, it is necessary to supplement the grant we receive from the Ministry of Education with specific funding via student costs. The Ministry of Education grant does not provide for any of the 'extras' or 'frills' of the educational programme/resources we provide.

We are very aware of the expenses facing parents/caregivers at the beginning of the school year. We have therefore tried to keep costs as low as possible. We are also aware that schools have a terrible habit of asking for money throughout the year for various reasons and know that this becomes an inconvenience for parents/caregivers.

For 2026 we pledge that the total cost asked for now will cover all costs for the entire year's activities/trips with the exception of the Term 4 Class Camp. However there are additional costs for activities such as – Netball, Hockey, Netball, Basketball, ICAS exam etc...

Yes, that is correct! We will not ask for money for trips, fundraising activities, educational excursions etc...

Below is a breakdown of costs. The total amount is \$650.00 for the year or \$162.50 per term.

We thank you for your support and trust this format of payment makes it easier for you.

Activity costs are expenses that all schools would collect at the beginning of the year and for such things as Special Events/Trips, Special Programmes, etc. and throughout the year as events occur.

School Donation is optional although we obviously encourage you to pay this and appreciate it greatly if you do. School Donations can be claimed back on your annual tax return.

Costs and Donations can be paid by Automatic Payment, Credit card, Term by Term or the total for the year

**Ponsonby Intermediate - ASB a/c - 12 3019 0486833 01**

**We offer a 5% discount on the full amount of \$650.00 if paid before the end of March 2026.**

**Sports and Ed. Outside the Classroom      \$60.00**

**Special Events/Trips      \$60.00**

**Options Modules      \$60.00**

**Printing (including School Magazine)      \$45.00**

**The Arts      \$60.00**

**Extension and Enrichment      \$60.00**

**Transport      \$40.00**

<b>Technology</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
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<b>Activity Costs</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
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<b>School Donation</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
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<b>Total Per Year</b>	<b>\$620.00</b>
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## Absences and Lateness

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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 App or Website**. 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 and sign in at the office. The note 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

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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.

# Options Programme Term 1 2026

Below are the options running in Term 1.

Select 5 choices -

DO NOT choose an option you have done before (unless it is sport) -

**DO NOT CHOOSE OPTIONS YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE IN**

You will be placed in ONE of the FIVE options YOU have chosen.

Please note there are a number of options which are 'PRESELECTED' this means that you CAN NOT choose them - the groups for this are chosen, and you will attend during options time.

## **HOW TO GUIDE TO SELECTING YOUR OPTIONS - PLEASE WATCH**

**OPTIONS LINK:** <https://forms.gle/KTbMZIVYCg6xpUcS6>

<b>Lateral thinking/riddles : Mrs Hunter- Room 1</b>  Do you enjoy thinking outside the box and bringing new ideas to approach a challenge? We will be learning how to tap into abstract thinking to de code messages and meanings in words and images. Let's work it out.	<b>Games of Strategy: Mrs Wilson- Room 2</b>  Get ready for card games! We'll be playing a range of different card games and learning new ones, then teaching the games we know to others. You'll need a sharp mathematical mind for counting, patterns, and strategy, plus a good poker face to keep your plans secret. This is a great chance to think ahead, problem-solve, and have fun while challenging your brain and working with others.
<b>Lego Masters: Mrs Stephenson: Room 3</b>  Do you enjoy creating with Lego? Join this option to be creative making your own designs, and to compete in Lego Master challenges.	<b>Ukulele &amp; Singing group : Mrs Holmes: Music Room</b>  Do you love to sing and play the uke? Then this option is for you! We will work on our ukulele skills and learn some fun songs. We might even perform a couple of songs we learn! You don't have to be a great ukulele player, you will learn the skills along the way.
<b>Mandala art: Miss Bruce - Room 8</b>  Mandala art isn't just drawing—it's a mix of focus, creativity, and style. Each design starts simple, then builds into something epic with colours and patterns. It's calming, looks amazing and every mandala you make is one-of-a-kind.	<b>Pop-Up Poetry Slam : Ms Moffat - Room 9</b>  Be inspired by poets making waves and inspiring the world we live in. Dive into their poetry to help us craft our own bold responses. Peep into the wonderful world of poetry and perform your chosen piece with passion. Pop-up Poetry Slam.
<b>Paint by numbers: Ms Collins - Room 22</b>  It was so popular that I'm doing it again! 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 your room. Be aware, the options are mostly flowers/plants.	<b>Friendship bracelets: Miss Jeon - Room 12</b>  Get ready to get twisting! Make colourful creations, share laughs, and design bracelets for friends (and ourselves!). No experience needed — just bring your fun ideas and a smile !
<b>Doodle Art: Mrs Richardson- Room 16</b>  Welcome to the Doodle Art —where overthinking is banned and scribbles rule. This is a space to draw freely, mess up boldly, and turn idle lines into tiny works of art. No pressure, no perfection—just pens, paper, and your imagination.	<b>Basketball: Mr Jardine- Basketball Court</b>  Open to all abilities. A chance to get extra game time, practise some skills and generally ball out.

<p><b>Pasifika Fono: Mr T- Room 15</b> Talofa, Bula and Malo elelei. Come and meet other students from the Pacific Islands to play games, sing and dance. This is the only term this option will take place.</p>	<p><b>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson: Room 19</b> 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>Yoga - Mrs Francis - Room 24</b> Spend Thursday afternoons relaxing and improving your flexibility. You will learn a yoga sequence that you can use at home, and can also work with a partner to create and lead some stretches. No experience required - just comfortable clothes and a positive attitude.</p>	<p><b>Kids Lit Quiz/Book Battle: Mrs Spencer - Room 21</b> Do you love reading? Love quizzes and love prizes? Then join the Ponsonby Kids' Lit training squad. Last year more than 50 students applied for 8 spots to take part in Term 2's Kids' Lit Quiz competition where we will compete with over 60 schools! Can Ponsonby take out the top prize this year??? Join me if you are an avid reader who has epic knowledge of different books, authors, and genre. This year we will also be competing in a brand new competition called Book Battle! Big readers apply now! 📖</p>
<p><b>Touch Typing: Miss Rees: Room 20</b> 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>Quiztopia : Mrs Howie - Room 25</b> Enjoy testing your knowledge? And testing the knowledge of others? Come make and share quizzes and your knowledge with others</p>
<p><b>A Beginner's Guide to Engineering: Ms Edwards- Room 14</b> Do you ever wonder how something works or why it works the way it does? In this option we will work in groups to create simple machines and participate in challenges which involve thinking outside the box.</p>	<p><b>Chess - Ms Busch- Room 28</b> Are you interested in playing one of the most popular games in the world? Are you interested in pitting your skills against other players? Then the chess option is for you. Players of ALL abilities welcome.</p>
<p><b>Cultural Games: Mr Wannamaker - Room 30</b> Enjoy sport or playing games? In this option we explore games from other cultures through active participation. Games like ultimate frisbee, tchoukball, lacrosse American football and unihoc. So if you learn through doing and are open to new and exciting sports, join in!</p>	<p><b>Softball: Mrs Murray - Field by the sit ups</b> Join Softball, it's open to girls and boys and is all about teamwork - playing together! Great opportunity to learn about the game, field positions and to umpire. If you're keen to challenge your batting, catching, throwing skills and enjoy running around, then this option is definitely a fun one to choose.</p>
<p><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!</p>	<p><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! 🌐</p>
<p><b>Storytelling Through Dance - Mrs Cullen - Hall</b> Do you love storytelling? Do you love movement? Then this could be an option for you where we explore both together. You don't have to be a trained dancer, just enjoy storytelling using your body.</p>	<p><b>Creative Writing - Miss Jameson - Room 23</b> Do you like making up stories, funny characters, or exciting adventures? In this creative writing option, you can write short stories, poems, comics, or even the beginning of a novel. Use your imagination, have fun with words, and share your ideas in your own unique way—there are no wrong answers, just creativity!</p>

# Sports Update

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## **Year 7 Basketball trials**

- Taking place during week 3, Monday 9th February and Wednesday 11th February after school. 3:15 until 4:15 at the absolute latest.
- **Please note there was a mistake on the original permission slip regarding these trial dates. The dates stated above, Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th February are the correct trial dates.**
- Once trials are complete and teams are assembled I will be in email correspondence with all parents regarding the upcoming season. Information regarding uniforms, venues, game times, player registration and more will be shared with you. Please hold off on any payments until our trials are complete.
- As stated on the permission form, our teams will require keen parents who are prepared to coach and manage a team.

## **Year 8 Basketball trials**

- These have already taken place and teams will be posted at school. All information for the upcoming season will be communicated via email over the coming weeks.

For any basketball related queries don't hesitate to reach out.

Sam Jardine

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

## **Year 7 and 8 Netball Trials**

Trials will be held at school on the top courts. Note Year level dates and times (below).

Once trials are complete and team selections finalised, I will send out additional important information regarding the 2026 netball season.

- **Year 8:** Mondays 2nd, 9th and 16th February - **11am-1pm**
- **Year 7:** Tuesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th February - **12:30pm-2pm**
- **Save Days:** Wednesday 11th and Thursday 19th February - **12:30pm-2pm**
- **Parent/Player meeting:** Tuesday 10th March, School Hall - **6pm**

## **Year 7, 8 Water Polo Trials**

Trials will be held at the AUT Millennium Main Pool, 17 Antares Place, Rosedale. Parent help with transport to/from the venue will be necessary.

- **Trial 1:** Friday 20th Feb. 12pm-2:30pm AUTM
- **Trial 2:** Wednesday 25th Feb. 12:30pm-2:30pm AUTM
- **Trial 3:** Thursday 5th March 12pm-2:30pm

For all Netball and Water Polo queries, please contact Sports Coordinator, Michelle Murray.

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

## **Central Zone Sports Tournament Timetable 2026**

**Students must check the daily notices for TRIAL days/times (held at school) and will be notified in advance if there are any changes to the timetable.**

<b>Central Zone Intermediate Sports 2026</b>		
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>
Tennis Year 7,8 Girls	4	Tues. 17 Feb
Tennis Year 7,8 Boys	4	Thurs. 19 Feb
Softball Year 7,8 Girls	5	Tues. 24 Feb
Softball Year 7,8 Boys	5	Thurs. 26 Feb
Cricket Year 7, 8 Boys	6	Thurs. 5 March
Swimming	8	Tues. 17 March
Orienteering	8	Thurs. 19 March
<b>AAIMS IZ Swimming - Ponsonby Int. Event</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Wed. 25 March</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>
Futsal Year 7,8 Boys	2	Tues. 28 April
Futsal Year 7,8 Girls	2	Thurs. 30 April
Water polo	3	Tues. 5 May
Football Year 7 Boys	5	Tues. 19 May
Football Year 8 Boys	5	Thurs. 21 May
Football Year 7 Girls	6	Tues. 26 May
Football Year 8 Girls	6	Thurs. 28 May
Rugby Girls/Boys U45/U55 Open	8	Thurs. 11 June
Hockey Year 7,8 Boys	9	Mon. 15 June
Hockey Year 7,8 Girls	9	Tues. 16 June
Table Tennis	9	Thurs. 18 June
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>
Netball Year 7,8 Boys	2	Tues. 28 July
Netball Year 7,8 Girls	2	Fri. 31 July
Squash	3	Tues. 4 August
Rugby league Year 7,8 Boys/Girls	4	Wed. 12 Aug
Cross Country	5	Wed. 19 Aug
Basketball Y7,8 Boys	9	Tues. 15 Sept
Basketball Y7,8 Girls	9	Thurs. 17 Sept
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>
Volleyball Year 7,8 Boys	2	Wed. 21 Oct
Volleyball Year 7,8 Girls	2	Thurs. 22 Oct
Touch Year 7,8 Girls	3	<b>Tues. 28 Oct. tbc</b>
Touch Year 7,8 Boys & Mixed	3	<b>Thurs. 30 Oct. tbc</b>
Badminton	4	Wed. 4 Nov
<b>Athletics - Ponsonby Int. CZ Event</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Wed. 18 Nov</b>
Ki-O-Rahi	7	<b>Tues. 24 Nov. tbc</b>

## Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year takes place on the 17th of February and we have many students who are excited to share their cultural celebrations with the school. If any parents would like to help, or if you have ideas of how we could celebrate this special event at school, please contact Holly Francis ([hollyf@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:hollyf@ponsint.school.nz)). We would like to wish a happy New Year to all of our families celebrating the Lunar New Year.

## Ramadan

Ramadan begins on the 17th of February and we will be meeting with students observing Ramadan this week. We will have a space available for Dhuhur, and would love to invite families to celebrate Eid-al-Fitr with us in March. If you have any questions, or would like to be involved in the Eid celebrations, please contact Holly Francis ([hollyf@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:hollyf@ponsint.school.nz)). We would like to wish a blessed Ramadan to all of our families observing Ramadan. Ramadan Kareem.

## Music Education Centre

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## ezLunch Orders



You can order ezlunch, Kindo's lunch service everyday by simply [clicking here!](#)

- Go-Deli's Catering and Café menu - warm and cold mains, sushi, Asian and café meals, snacks and drinks
- Subway Ponsonby – 6inch subs, combos, Teachers' Corner subs, drinks & cookies
- St Pierres Sushi

Order (or cancel) before 9am on the day or schedule in advance. Your ezlunch will be delivered to the school in time for lunch.

Click [here](#) to view the menu.

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# Speech and Drama lessons at Ponsonby Intermediate

Imaginaire Speech and Drama are now taking expressions of interest for lessons beginning in Term 1 2026.

They will run their fun filled confidence building lessons on Thursday afternoon during the school day and afterschool.

- Intermediate Lessons are run in small groups of a maximum of 4 students.
- They offer a 'no obligation' introduction lesson so your child can try their lessons out.
- Open to all Ponsonby Intermediate students.
- If we have enough interest, we may open lessons to the wider community for afterschool lessons (Year 1-6).

Please contact Nicole at [nicole@imaginaire.co.nz](mailto:nicole@imaginaire.co.nz) for more information or please visit their website <https://www.imaginaire.co.nz/speech-and-drama/>



The image is a screenshot of the Imaginaire Speech & Drama website. The header features the tagline 'INSPIRING CREATIVITY & CONFIDENCE' and the logo 'Imaginaire SPEECH & DRAMA' with a starburst graphic. The 'ABOUT US:' section describes the programme as exciting, fun, and dynamic, inspiring confidence and creativity. It mentions that lessons are held during the school day and after school, and offers a 'no obligation' introduction lesson. The 'LESSONS INCLUDE:' section lists various skills: Public Speaking Skills, Acting Skills, Communication & Conversation Skills, Vocal Skills, Positive Body Language, Poetry Recital, Reading Aloud, Speech Writing & Delivery, Manners and Relationship Skills, and Building Self-Esteem & Confidence. The 'JOIN US FOR: SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS' section features a large blue button with the text 'ENROL FOR 2026'. The footer includes a statement that they also offer professional qualifications through Speech NZ Board, and links for 'OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS FROM YEAR 7-8' and 'FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO ENROL PLEASE VISIT: [www.imaginaire.co.nz/speech-and-drama/](https://www.imaginaire.co.nz/speech-and-drama/)'.

## School App

Newsletters and information are emailed directly to you and uploaded to our School App and website.

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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

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# Term 1 Classes

## Musical Theatre

Sing, dance and act! Students will tackle musical numbers, gaining experience and building confidence as performers.  
Ages 6-8, 8-10, 11-14 Mondays



## Drama

Master the actor's toolkit! In this class, students will delve into stories and characters, devising original skits using drama conventions for effect.

Ages 8-10, 11-14 Wednesdays / Thursdays

## Writing Club

Join a community of young writers! This class will equip students with the skills to express themselves and leave them feeling excited to keep writing.  
Ages 8-10, 11-14 Wednesdays / Thursdays

## Tutoring

1:1 tutoring spaces for Term 1 are currently full. However, spaces are available in the following group sessions:

- Year 7/8 Maths Workshop
- Junior Literacy Boost
- Handwriting Boost
- Big Buddy Peer Tutoring

Mondays / Wednesdays / Fridays



Right next to Ponsonby Intermediate School



## Singing Coming soon!

Register interest now for Tuesday 1:1 lessons or Youth Choir

★ First class is free!

Give it a go before committing to a full term!  
Please book in advance to confirm attendance.

Find out more  
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# Swimming Sports Schedule - Thursday 12 February

Year 7 Programme: 9:00am – 11:45am

Year 8 Programme: 12:00pm – 2:30pm

<b>HEATS</b>	
<b>Event</b>	<b>Grade</b>
100m Freestyle (straight Final)	Boys
100m Freestyle (straight Final)	Girls
33m Backstroke	Boys
33m Backstroke	Girls
33m Freestyle	Boys
33m Freestyle	Girls
33m Breaststroke	Boys
33m Breaststroke	Girls
33m Butterfly (straight Final)	Boys
33m Butterfly (straight Final)	Girls
33m Running Race (If time allows)	Boys and Girls

<b>FINALS</b>	
Year 7 start time approx: 11:10am	Year 8 start time approx: 1:50pm
<b>Event</b>	<b>Grade</b>
33m Backstroke	Boys
33m Backstroke	Girls
33m Breaststroke	Boys
33m Breaststroke	Girls
33m Freestyle	Boys
33m Freestyle	Girls
Class Relay (Form Teacher organises Team)	2 Boys and 2 Girls