

Important Dates

7 November

CZ Boys and Mixed
Touch

12 November

Modular Conferences

13 November

PONSONBY
ATHLETICS DAY @
Mt Smart Stadium

20 November

Central Zone Athletics
@ Mt Smart Stadium

26 November

BoT Meeting 6pm

5 December

VIP Morning Tea

10 December

Showcase – 1:25pm

11 December

Prizegiving – 1:25pm

12 December

Graduation - 6pm –
9pm

30 January

2020 School begins -
8:35am

Principal's Message

In Term 4 we are mindful that an engaging and exciting curriculum is key... *well I actually try and make every week of the Ponsonby Experience engaging and exciting.* As a student (and as a teacher) I always found Geometry my favourite strand in Maths and the students will start this very shortly. Isometric drawing, tessellations and symmetry could be fun topics for you to discuss at home too!

In English, we also have very engaging topics going on that may generate an interesting conversation with your now grunting yes/no pre-teenager, they are;

Year 7's - The Power of Words: How do we use them?

Year 8's - Poetry: How does poetry enrich our lives?

Athletics Day is next Wednesday at Mt Smart Stadium. All students have been furiously practising their run, jump and throws with the PE staff in class lessons.

Shortly you will receive an email requesting you to complete the annual community survey, please put 2-3 minutes aside and complete it for us.

Nick Wilson

Principal

Important End of Year Dates;

Term 4 Showcase – Tuesday 10 December at 1:25pm

Prizegiving - Wednesday 11 December 1:20pm – 3:05pm

Year 8 Graduation – Thursday 12 December 6pm – 9:00pm

Year 7's finish at 12pm Friday 13 December

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Athletics Day 2019

When: Wednesday 13th November

Where: Mt Smart Athletics Arena, O'Rorke Road, Penrose

Students, please remember:

- Full PE uniform
- Covered shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Warm clothing
- Water bottle and a packed lunch – Bring a healthy one!

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.

Please note: The 800m race is on Friday 15th November 8.45am at Ponsonby Intermediate

Central Zone day is Wednesday 20th November at Mt Smart Arena.

Annual Community Survey 2019

Yesterday you may have received an email regarding our Annual Community Survey. Thank you to those who have already completed the survey.

In past years we have only done our community survey biannually but we have decided that is important to get parent feedback every year as things can change in such a short time.

Not only would we like to hear what we could do better but also the areas in which we are doing well. It's appreciated to know areas we are succeeding in so we can make sure these things continue.

Just click the link in the email that was sent to you and complete the Survey by the **15th November**.

If you have not received the email with the link, please contact the office who will send you the link, office@ponsint.school.nz

We really appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey as your feedback about our school is vital to improving educational outcomes for all students.

If you have any further questions regarding the survey, please contact the Deputy Principal, Matt Bennie mattb@ponsint.school.nz

End of Year Prize-giving

This special event will be taking place on Wednesday 11th December in the Ponsonby Intermediate Events Centre at 1:20pm.

There will be parking on the field and allocated seating for family and friends.

Your child will be notified on Friday 22nd November 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.

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 12th December with a special Graduation Ceremony. A letter outlining this event will be sent home Friday 22nd November.

In this letter it 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.

The event starts at 6.00pm and there will be allocated seating for all parents and family members. However, please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate Events Centre 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.

Hats, Sunscreen and Drink Bottles

As you would have noticed the weather has improved dramatically and with that we need to make sure students are being sun smart. All students must bring a hat to school, this is compulsory for when they are outside for Kori or PE. We also encourage them to bring a water bottle to help them stay hydrated and apply sunscreen. Students can bring their own sunscreen or use sunscreen provided by the school which is located at the front office. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Sports Update

Waterpolo

Ponsonby SHARKS competed in the North Island Championships over four days last week. They won 3 of their pool games and drew the 4th with Murrays Bay. The Quarter Final was an evenly matched game against Kristin and it proved to be Kristin's day at the final whistle with a 4-5 result. The Sharks continued on and ended in the TOP 8 in the B Grade. Awesome effort all round with Joel Blijevens being awarded the SHARKS Most Valuable Player and Luc John Most Improved Player for the tournament. Go the SHARKS!

Councillor Events and Positively Ponsonby Day

There are lots of fun events students can get involved in for the next 5 weeks such as our Annual Dodgeball Tournament, Tug of War or the fun events organised on the top courts. As well as Positively Ponsonby Day which has a range of activities for students to enjoy that focuses on celebrating the Ponsonby Experience and our school values.

We encourage all students to make the most of the final weeks, especially the year 8's who will be moving onto high school.

Library

The Library will be closed Week 9, for stock-take. The last day for issuing books is the 22 November 2019. If your child has a book out of the Library please make sure it gets returned before the end of the year. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Marsick (Teacher Librarian)

Library Books for Cambodia – World Challenge Trip

Our trip to Cambodia this year really challenged us on how fortunate we are to have such a beautiful and well-resourced Library. As a result, the group decided to make a photo book of their experiences to fundraise for books to go into the local school library. A big thanks to all concerned from 'We Care Cambodia' (WWC)

Students reading some of the books donated by our Ponsonby Intermediate families.



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).

On Line Conference Booking

Bookings can be made at <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> using the school code.
Please include your child's room number.

Modular Conferences

Tuesday 12th November 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code: myedv)

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

Thanks,

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Module Teachers:

Design and Textiles: Lorna Cooney

Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Art: Kelly Richardson

Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen - not available

Music: Paul Curtis

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

Health & P.E: Sam Jardine

Teaching Rooms: 3, 6, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

Teaching Rooms: 1, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22, 25, 30

Home Economics: Jody Hart

Teaching Rooms: 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

Science: Margaret Marsick

Teaching Rooms: 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

Science: Ben de La Haye

Teaching Rooms: 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

Teaching Rooms: 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

Social Sciences: Jo McCullagh

Teaching Rooms: 6, 9, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28

Learning Languages: Tricia Orr

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 23, 30

Ponsonby Intermediate School

Athletics Day Organisation

Wednesday 13th November, Mt Smart Stadium, Penrose

Track Events

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

Year 7 100m heats will be run on the back straight (in order to speed up the day).
The 800m is raced on the Friday after Athletics Day as it allows students to enter more track events.

Field Events

	BOYS				GIRLS			
EVENT	10:00	10:25	10:50	11:15	12:00	12:25	12:50	1:15
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

NB: There will be 2 of each Field Event Areas – Year 7 & 8 Areas

Finals

1:45pm	BOYS AND GIRLS	100m	Finals
	BOYS AND GIRLS	200m	Finals
2:00pm			Class Relays

Ponsonby Learning Pathway

Our Vision

Articulate,
energised achievers;
ready for the future

New Zealand
Curriculum

Ponsonby
Community

At Ponsonby Intermediate we value:

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.

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.

Making Connections:

As a member 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.

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 for, and support each other, inside and outside the classroom.

Personalising Our Path

Habits of Mind • Quality Learning Circle • Te Reo • Gifted and Talented • SMART Target
Learning Journals • Positively Ponsonby • Inquiry Model • Specialist Teaching
Ponsonby Passports • Student Council • Art/Culture Weeks • Direct Vocab
Information Landscape • R.E.E.P. • E.O.T.C. • ESOL • S.S.R. • Options • Camps
B-Cool • Reporting to Parents • Professional Development • Appraisal
Tools for Learning • Planning • Overviews • Curriculum Reviews • Mentoring
Keys to Success • Critical Thinking • Kori • Habits of Mind • SMART Targets

Key Competencies

Mathematics

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

Humanities

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Managing Self

English

- Thinking
- Using language symbols and text
- Managing Self

The Arts

- Thinking
- Managing Self
- Relating to Others

Technology

- Thinking
- Relating to Others
- Managing Self
- Participating and Contributing