

Important Dates

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

Last week Minister Hipkins released the planned reforms of the Tomorrow's Schools system. These proposed changes do not seem to have too much impact on Ponsonby Intermediate and our planning for 2020 continues.

While at Mt Smart last Wednesday for our Athletics Day I had an encouraging conversation with the stadium caretaker who I've known for a long time now. He was extremely impressed with our students' participation, behaviour and encouragement of others. He recognised the staff knew what to do and the students had been clearly taught well in their PE lessons... high praise from Geoff, as he has probably seen more sports days than anyone! Thank you Matt Bennie, Sam Jardine and Michelle Murray, the day was fantastic.

The end of November is a busy time for teachers and schools. Report writing, assessments and transitioning students are important tasks, however I am mindful of the stresses these cause. I know this time of year is also super busy for parents too!

Take care of each other out there Ponsonby.

Regards,

Nick Wilson

Principal

Important End of Year Dates;

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

Prizegiving - Wednesday 11 December 1:25pm – 3:05pm

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

Year 7's finish at 12pm Friday 13 December

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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.

Sports Update

Athletics Day

Ponsonby Intermediate students were all set for their school athletics day at Mt Smart Stadium last Wednesday, having practised track and field disciplines in PE classes - race starts, 100m sprints, 200m runs, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus and baton changes for relay teams. On the day it was encouraging to see students participating confidently, demonstrating their competitive and non-competitive spirit and vocally supporting one another during the events. The final event of the day was the class relays, run with passion and pride! Taking the win for Year 8's was Room 6 and for Year 7's Room 15. Thanks to our Ponsonby Intermediate teachers who all contributed fabulously to making the day run so smoothly and to the many parent supporters.

Ponsonby Intermediate Athletics Results 2019

Year 7 Girls

Track	1 st Name	Room	Time	2nd	Room	3rd	Room
1500m	Goldie Wiltshire	16	6:33:13	Honor Mitchell	16	Isabella Noakes	15
800m							
400m	Elise Whitehead	18	1:18:68	Maia D'Andrea	26	Amelia Jones	9
200m	Aria Hukehuke	12	31:31	Elise Whitehead	18	Ellen Thompson	15
100m	Aria Hukehuke	12	14:72	Elise Whitehead	18	3 rd Becky Green	13
						4 th Leianah Tecson	9
Relay	15			12		16	
Field			Length/ Height				

High Jump	Honor Mitchell	16	1.26m	Mia Kara	9	Ellen Thompson	15
Long Jump	Jude Millar	16	3.86m	Ella de Coek	26	Honor Mitchell	16
Discus	Isabella Taylor-Tomsett	18	17.58m	Taylor-Jaye Raela	16	Ellen Thompson	15
Shotput	Taylor-Jaye Raela	16	7.02m	Naomi Amarasingham-Young	15	Gabriella Simoni	8

Year 7 Boys

Track	1st Name	Room	Time	2nd	Room	3rd		Room
1500m	Solomon Randerson	15	5:32:41	Charlie Hodgetts	16	Kip Smart		15
800m								
400m	Solomon Randerson	15	1:08:91	Michael Kloss	9	Jackson Speary		26
200m	Benjie Fairclough	12	27:38	Braden Lawson	16	Jack Dodunski		15
100m	Benjie Fairclough	12	13:22	Jack Dodunski	15	3 rd	Braden Lawson	16
						4 th	Kae van der Putten	9
Relay	15			12		16		
Field			Length /Height					
High Jump	Niko Clare	15	1.37m	Benjie Fairclough	12	Jozier Lio		13
Long Jump	Niko Clare	15	4.40m	Charlie Hodgetts	16	Benjie Fairclough		12
Discus	Jackson Speary	26	17.28m	Michael Kloss	9	Soul Luamanu		16
Shotput	Jack Brophy	8	7.55m	Braxton Hanak-Faitau	12	Michael Kloss		9

Year 8 Girls

Track	1 st Name	Room	Time	2nd	Room	3rd	Room
1500m	Amelie Kelly	23	5:42:25	Charli Dunn	11	Maeve Pope	20
800m							
400m	Amelie Kelly	23	1:10:15	Neve Dobson	11	Azalea Parker	1
200m	Amelie Kelly	23	29:16	Neve Dobson	11	Azalea Parker	1
100m	Amelie Kelly	23	13:84	Neve Dobson	11	3 rd Azalea Parker	1
						4 th Anna Worsley	6
Relay	6			22		21	
Field			Length, Height				
High Jump	Ava Tiffin Lang R11 Hereata Crosswell R11 Anna Worsley R6 Freddie Walker R11		All 125cm	N/A		N/A	
Long Jump	Willa Stephens	17	3.8m	Sienna Lindsay-Bishop	22	Renée Cunningham	30
Discus	Amelie Kelly	23	18.96m	Sienna Lindsay-Bishop	22	Renée Cunningham	30
Shotput	Europa Piutau	20	7.94m	Maddy Boyd	30	Shylah Lokeni	20

Year 8 Boys

Track	1 st Name	Room	Time	2nd	Room	3rd	Room
1500m	Jack Erikson	17	4:52:09	Stanley Goldwater	3	Jackson Clatworthy	30
800m							
400m	Jack Erikson	17	1:07:37	Henry Falkner	6	Joe Armstrong	30
200m	Josh Chyn	6	28:10	Jack Erikson	17	Benji Meyberg	6
100m	Tharan Naguleswaran	1	13:35	Oliver Jacobs	22	3 rd Benji Meyberg	6
						4 th Stanley Goldwater	3
Relay	6			22		21	
Field			Length/ Height				
High Jump	Eli Morton	22	142cm	Henry Falkner	6	Stanley Goldwater	3
Long Jump	Henry Falkner	6	4.9m	Eli Morton	22	Benji Meyberg	6
Discus	Josh Kau	17	21.45m	Jack Moon	3	Mirai Arao	3
Shotput	Tom Cotton	21	7.63m	Josh Kau	17	Tharan Naguleswaran	1

Cheerleading

On Sunday the 17th of November our Cheerleading squad went out to compete at the All Star Cheerleading Nationals. The team worked hard in the weeks coming up to the competition and managed to pull off a win in our division. This was a great way to end our season. We worked hard to create our piece for Roadshow in early Term 3 and have continued to perfect it over the past term under the guidance of Michelle (our coach) Mrs Fiddian and Miss Rees. A huge thanks to Ms Rees for supporting us on the day.



CZ Boys and Girls Badminton Results

On Wednesday 13th December, our Badminton squad of sixteen players competed in the 2019 Central Zone Badminton Tournament held at Badminton Hall, Epsom.

Teacher in charge of the team, Mr De La Haye was very proud of how well the squad performed, given that they were up against many seasoned club players from other schools, as well as players who had been through school academy systems since primary school. Although the squad lacked experience, they did not lack courage and every player stood up and represented Ponsonby Intermediate with pride. Many discovered a talent they did not know they possessed, hopefully every member of the squad builds upon this valuable experience and continues with this rapidly growing sport into high school and beyond.

Notable achievements on the day included:

1st Place - Ian Li (22) and Ethan Loo (23) winning the Year 8 Boys Doubles division.

4th Overall - Sachet Khare (18) and Oliver Mynott (25) in the Year 7 Boys Doubles division.

4th Overall - Brooke Margison (15) in the Year 7 Girls Singles division.

The players who competed on the day were:

Year 8 Girls' Singles: Charmagne Ocdao, Isla Smith; **Year 8 Girls' Doubles:** Flo Rogers, Hannah Vu. **Year 8 Boys' Singles:** Naruto Sutherland, Wei-Song Ong; **Year 8 Boys' Doubles:** Ian Li, Ethan Loo. **Year 7 Girls' Singles:** Karisa Southon, Brooke Margison; **Year 7 Girls' Doubles:** Maggie Burke and Jemima Flatt. **Year 7 Boys' Singles:** Tung Dao, Wei Jian; **Year 7 Boys' Doubles:** Sachet Khare, Oliver Mynott.



Sevens

We had a fantastic day at the West and Central Zone Sevens Day. Ponsonby, although on the lighter side of the weight grade, defended and tackled hard all day.

With a 2 – 1 win ratio in the semi-final, Ponsonby sealed a semi-final spot. Both wins in the Pool rounds were close but well-earned with the boys never giving in until the final whistle. This is a great attitude to have with Sevens as anything can happen right up until the end.

In the semi-final the boys were not so lucky going down to Remuera. However, the boys picked themselves up and with great team work finished with a win over Kelston. This win was particularly special not only because it allowed them to finish 3rd but it was the best game the boys played all day and they got to play on the number one Waitemata Rugby Club field where a number of All Blacks have played in the past.

A special thank you to our coach Shane Webby, who taught the boys what makes a great team, and our Manager Mr Bennie. Also to the parents for helping with transport and staying to support on the day, the boys greatly appreciated it.





Touch Results

Boys - The boys' touch team were greeted by absolutely stunning weather and stiff competition during their tournament day at Cox's Bay. The team put together some fantastic plays, finishing their Pool play with one win, three draws and two losses.

Their next playoff game was tough, only missing out by one try to a very competitive opposition.

The team managed to fight for a tough draw in their last game of the day, to put them 7th equal.

Well done to all involved, the overall placing does not reflect the skill and effort the team exhibited on the day.

Girls - Tess Bailey, Maeve Pope, Amelie Kelly, Renee Cunningham, Neve Dobson, Charli Dunn, Amelia Wigram, Mia Kara and Jess Webb had an exciting day of competition at the Central Zone Touch tournament on Wednesday 6 November at Cox's Bay Reserve. With three wins, two losses in Pool play the team went on to compete in the playoff rounds, first beating their opposition 3-1 and then narrowly losing 1-2 in the next game to take 6th place overall in the tournament. The girls displayed some fantastic teamwork, backing each other up on the field to score some exciting tries, even diving over the line! Highlights were watching the girls give 100% effort on defence, pass the ball out to the wings and score against the top two teams.



Basketball

Basketball has concluded for Ponsonby's 11 teams this year, with the last games being played Monday 18th November. A massive thank you to all players, coaches/managers and support crew for their efforts throughout the season. I hope to see the year 7 students back next year.

Results and final placings are still being collated at the time of writing, but here is one of our Year 7 Boys' teams, the Leopards, receiving medals for a second place finish in their league.



Library

The Library is closed for issuing for the remainder of 2019 from this Friday 22 November. If your child has an overdue book please encourage them to bring the book/s back ASAP. Thank you.

Mrs Marsick

Bright Sparks

Two of our students did extremely well at Bright Sparks this year (a Science and Technology competition). Agam Aharon was awarded First Place and Genevieve Cartmell was awarded Second Place in the nationwide competition. Ponsonby Intermediate is incredibly proud of them both. Well done. Mrs Marsick.

Celebrate Together

On the 3rd December some of our students from our Production Out Of My Mind will be performing at an evening celebrating people with disabilities. It is being hosted by Circability and we are presenting a 5 minute piece from our show. Please come along and support this wonderful celebration.



**INTERNATIONAL
DAY FOR PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**TUESDAY
3 Dec
6 PM**

Victory Convention Centre
Auckland CBD
Tickets at iTicket
On Sale Now

**CELEBRATE
TOGETHER**

KANOHI KITEA

circability

The poster features a group of students in colorful costumes performing a Kanohi Kitea (kite dance) with large, colorful kites. The background is dark with small, glowing lights. The text is overlaid on the left and bottom of the image.

Shade System

Over the summer break our school gets a shade system installed. The BoT are excited by the huge potential learning opportunities this new structure will create.



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