

Important Dates

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 we celebrated Positively Ponsonby Week. The range of activities meant there was something for everyone and most students would have participated in multiple events.

Thanks to Mrs Maitland-Smith and the Positively Ponsonby reps for organizing a week celebrating being "Ponsonby". Check out the photos later in this newsletter.

On the Thursday and Friday we held our annual skate and scooter comp, with 300 hundred students cheering their mates on. The 50 contestants put on a great show.

With Prizegiving 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 2019.

Students will bring home written reports and their Yearbook at the end of next week.

Year 8 report – Thursday 12th December

Year 7 Report – Friday 13th December

Thank you all for your support this year,

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 Prizegiving

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 have been notified if they are receiving a prize with a letter home on the 22nd November. 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 has been sent home.

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.

The dinner after the ceremony is catered for students only but you are welcome to hang around on the basketball court to take pictures.

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

Sports Update

Central Zone Athletics

On Wednesday 20 November, forty six students represented Ponsonby Intermediate at the Central Zone Athletics tournament - most competing in multiple track and field events. It was an exciting day, with impressive performances and persistence from all competitors; also great support (cheering) from schools, parents and teachers.

1500m - Goldie Wiltshire, Honor Mitchell, Solomon Randerson, Charlie Hodgetts, Charli Dunn, Maeve Pope, Stanley Goldwater, Jackson Clatworthy.

800m - Ellen Thompson, Elise Whitehead, Solomon Randerson, Charlie Hodgetts, Amelie Kelly, Charli Dunn, Henry Falkner, Jackson Clatworthy.

400m - Elise Whitehead, Solomon Randerson, Neve Dobson, Henry Falkner.

200m - Aria Hukehuke, Elise Whitehead, Ellen Thompson, Benji Fairclough, Braden Lawson, Jack Dodunski, Amelie Kelly, Neve Dobson, Azalea Parker, Josh Chyn, Benji Meyberg, Oliver Jacobs.

100m / 4x 100m Relay - Aria Hukehuke, Elise Whitehead, Becky Green, Leianah Tecson, Benji Fairclough, Jack Dodunski, Braden Lawson, Kae van der Putten, Amelie Kelly, Neve Dobson, Azalea Parker, Anna Worsley, Tharan Naguleswaran, Oliver Jacobs, Benji Meyberg, Stanley Goldwater.

High Jump - Honor Mitchell, Mia Kara, Niko Clare, Benji Fairclough, Anna Worsley, Hereata Crosswell, Eli Moreton, Henry Falkner.

Long Jump - Jude Millar, Ella de Coek, Niko Clare, Charlie Hogetts, Willa Stephens, Sienna Lindsay-Bishop, Henry Falkner, Eli Moreton.

Shot Put - Taylor-Jaye Raela, Naomi Amarasingham-Young, Jack Brophy, Braxton Hanak-Faitau, Europa Piutai, Madeline Boyd, Tom Cotton, Josh Kau

Discus - Isabella Taylor-Tomsett, Taylor-Jaye Raela, Jackson Speary, Michael Kloss, Amelie Kelly, Sienna Lindsay-Bishop, Josh Kau, Jack Moon.

Interzone Athletics

Following on from Central Zone Athletics, a team of six Ponsonby Intermediate students qualified for the Interzone Athletics Championship held at Mt Smart Stadium on Thursday 28 November. The event is made up of schools across nine zones - Counties, Franklin, South Eastern, Eastern, South West, North West, Central, Harbour and Waitakere. Fantastic effort by our athletes who competed with gritty determination and speed in their track events: **Year 7 Boys 200m and 100m** - Benji Fairclough; **Year 8 Girls 400m Timed Final** - Azalea Parker, placed 5th; **Year 7 Boys 400m** - Solomon Randerso (withdraw due to injury from previous day running

personal best time in 400m club race); **Year 7 Boys 4x100m Relay Team** - Benji Fairclough, Kae van der Putten, Jack Dodunski, Braden Lawson, 2nd in heat; placed 6th in Final.

Ponsonby Intermediate Mountain Biking Club

The PIMBC (Ponsonby Intermediate Mountain Biking Club) has had a great first year with a core group of dedicated students and parents who love to ride. Parents Matt Kennedy and Sonia McConnachie have been instrumental in setting up PIMBC for students to get involved in this sport; their ongoing communication with school has been appreciated ... "Throughout the school year we've had regular after school skills and drill sessions as well as Sunday weekend rides in the forest. A particular highlight was having a guest Trainer, Xterra athlete Lewis Skinnies Ryan, come and lead an after school session for us! A big thank you to all the Ponsonby Intermediate students who are a part of PIMBC, it's been fantastic having you turn up time after time in all weather to have some fun on your bikes. And thank you to their parents, including Matt and Sonia, who have all kept things running. Have fun over the holidays, ride heaps and be safe – good luck to our students moving on, and we hope to see some familiar faces back in the Club next year." Students who were able to join in on all or some of the riders were Ace Williams, Alexander Meiring, Alex Twiname, Archie Faville, Charlie Kennedy, Frankie Pretscherer, Henry Lowe, Hunter Harkness, Jacob Calder Thompson, Luc Michot, Maia d'Andrea, Max Nicholson, Miller Van Arts, Sebastian Strang, Suwat Piper and Will Kuegler. Below are photos of Lewis Ryan from PIMBC after school session and riders ready to set off for a Sunday ride in the forest.





Sailing Regatta

The annual Year 7 and 8 Optimist and Open Skiff Sailing Regatta was held on Thursday 21 November, organised by the Kohimarama Yacht Club and sailed on the waters off Kohimarama beach. Ponsonby Intermediate's sailing team were Levi Jenkins, Edward Gravitt, Mirai Arao, Hinata Arao and Henry Crevoisier. The team competed well considering the windy conditions that challenged the sailors. **Open Skiff Class** - Levi Jenkins had a great day, as described by his Dad Luke Jenkins, "Levi smashed it with a 2nd in the first race, a capsize costing him first place, getting used to the boat. Second race he won convincingly but was protested for pumping up wind which we all thought was allowed, small print in the class rules said no. Third race he won by a whole leg. Levi won it on the water but because he got disqualified on the protest he ended up being placed 3rd". Edward Gravit placed 5th in this class. **Optimists Class** - Henry Crevoisier sailed one race before heading back in due to high winds and boat issues. However, he wasn't alone in doing this with around 25% of the fleet also pulling out during the day. Mirai and Hinata Arao were competitive racing each other as much as the fleet. Out of 27 sailors, Hinata 17th, Mirai 21st and Henry 27th. An exciting day out on the water for both the Opti's and Open Skiff boats.





Girls' Cricket Blitz Tournament

Year 7 and Year 8 girls who are keen cricketers have had the opportunity to play in a Girls' Cricket Blitz tournament this term, on Thursday afternoons at Cox's Bay Reserve. Grafton United Cricket Club's new Junior Head Coach, Nikheil Bhana, introduced the coaching programme to local schools during Term 3. Weekly coaching sessions were provided for the players prior to the tournament starting in early November. Ponsonby Intermediate Cricket Blitz team members Charli Dunn (captain), Karisa Southon, Jemima Flatt, Molly Edmonds, Lucy Edmonds, Phoebe Miles, India Beachman, Taylor-Jaye Raela and Polly Likhodko have all had loads of fun playing some great cricket, demonstrating effective batting and fielding skills to win all their first round games. The team batted strongly to win their semi-final game by 40 runs! The FINAL is Ponsonby Intermediate V St Mary's on Thursday 5 December - best of luck for this game girls. Many thanks to the parent supporters.



2020 Netball North Harbour (NNH) Game Days

Year 7 and 8 netball games will be played on a Tuesday for Year 7 and Thursday for Year 8 in 2020 at NNH courts. The Competition round is 15 weeks long with four grading games, starting Thursday 30 April for Year 8 and Tuesday 5 May for Year 7.

ICAS Exams

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the ICAS exams at the end of Term 3. All of the students can be proud of their efforts and the results they achieved. A special mention and congratulations to Harlo Brady who scored the highest in Year 7 Writing in NZ/PAC, being awarded a UNSW Medal. The students will be receiving the last of the certificates this Friday.

Positively Ponsonby Week

We had an epic week last week celebrating Positively Ponsonby. We had a lunchtime of dancing in the hall, our annual skate comp with the Young Gun Skate School, and held our first ever scooter comp. Friday we dressed up in Bright and Sparkly clothing! Students decorated the courts with chalk.



Skate Comp Results

Boys:

1st: Louis Burling Rm 22

2nd: Enzo Vincent Rm 15

3rd: Va'alante Ryan Rm 11

Girls:

1st: Sienna McCallum Rm 20

2nd: Millie Dunn Rm 9

3rd: Ella Aubrey Rm 22

Scooter Comp Results

1st: Alex Crowe Rm 20

2nd: Jamie Hiki Rm 21

3rd: Tom Jordan Rm 21/ Louis Burling Rm 22









New Website

We have upgraded our school website. Please click on the link to see the updated version.

<http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz>

Check out our awesome new app. This is a great way for us to stay in touch with you and keep you up to date on all school events.

To download either scan the QR code, click on the [link](#) or go to the app /play store and search for KiwiSchools Connect.

Download the app and select Ponsonby Intermediate. Then choose to Subscribe to All.



Nanogirl Podcast

Nanogirl Podcast for Radio NZ at Auckland Zoo

Last week four fortunate students were selected to participate in a Nanogirl Podcast at the zoo. For those of you who do not know, Nanogirl is an alias of Michelle Dickinson, scientist extraordinaire. The students were asked to ponder who was the cleverest animal at the zoo? They had three species to visit, the NZ Sea Lion, the Kea and 'Burma the Elephant.' The students asked Andrew the Headkeeper of the Seals and Elephants, all sorts of fascinating questions. In the end the consensus was that the elephant had the highest EQ (Emotional Quotient).

The morning was brilliant, educational and entertaining. My highlight, as their teacher, and I am sure it was their highlight too, was feeding and stroking Burma. It was an absolute privilege. Keep an eye out for our Newsletters next year for the Radio NZ podcast link to this episode. Thank you to Michelle Clark for accompanying our group.



Celebrate Diversity

Kanohi Kitea

On Tuesday 3rd December a group of Ponsonby Intermediate students performed at The Victory Centre as part of a celebration for people with disabilities. This event was run by Circability organised by Thomas Hinz and supported by the Minister for Disability Issues Carmel Sepuloni. Our students performed an excerpt from our school production, highlighting the challenges that an 11 year old girl faces when she has cerebral palsy. A big shout out to these performers who were excellent ambassadors for Ponsonby Intermediate: Ellie Pizzini, Sian Holmes, Jess Webb, Darnashay Delai, Elise Whitehead, Renee Cunningham, Eden Graves, Sophie Gehin, Monique Hasler, Hannah McPhee, Ava Pearson, Jasmin Devereux and Hazel MacMahon. Other Ponsonby students Blake Morgan and Anna Worsley performed for Circability this night. It was a wonderful event to be a part of and an opportunity to see some uplifting performances by organisations that are supporting people with disabilities. Below is a photo of some of our performers taken with Carmel Sepuloni.



Fun Science with Mrs Marsick

Room 23 had fun last week with studying the science of Cheiloscopy aka lip prints. Did you know that every person on this planet has different lip prints? We are all unique. This has been the theme for this year's Living World/ Biology topic - how we are all unique individuals. The students had the opportunity to do an experiment - 'Read My Lips' - lipstick on lips and kissing the page of their book makes an incredible example of a lip print.



Library

The Library is now closed for stock-taking. It will be up and running Week One of Term 1 2020.

Bits and Pieces

Can you host an International Student?

Hosting an International Student is a wonderful way for your family to learn about a whole new culture and allows the student to benefit from being part of a New Zealand family. St Mary's College is looking for lovely, caring families to host our students who come mainly from Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong and Thailand, and are aged between 14 to 18 years old.

Ideally, we aim for our students to be able to commute to and from school using one of our school buses or, even better, live within walking distance.

We have students attending our school that require accommodation, ranging from two weeks, a term or a full school year. A reimbursement of \$310.00 per week is offered.

We would love to hear from you if you can host a student and we look forward to welcoming your family to our wonderful International host programme.

Please email your details to our team at the International Department at svandeventer@stmaryak.school.nz and we will be in touch shortly.

Thank you.

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MAGS Water Polo

Welcome to Mount Albert Grammar Water Polo!

MAGS has a long and dedicated history of Water Polo with players competing in Local, National and International teams for several years. We are pleased to have you join our team.

This info sheet outlines the key dates and competitions for 2020 as well as an indication of commitment in terms of time and cost for junior and senior players.

Term One and Two – ‘Senior Season’

Year 11 – 13 players, where necessary, year 9 and 10 players *may* be invited to ‘play up’.

Trainings

- Mon, Tues, Thurs - 7.30pm - 9.30pm at MAGS Pool

Games

- February to April - College Sport Auckland League, games Friday and Sunday pm
- 28–31 March - North Island Champs - Hamilton (Div 2) and Auckland (Div 1)
- 14–17 April - National Girls Champs - Christchurch (Div 2)
- 18–21 April - National Boys Champs - Rotorua (Div 2)
- 20–23 April - National Champs (Boys and Girls) - Wellington (Div 1/Premiers)

2019 fees

\$400 for training and Auckland Secondary Schools League \$160 – 180 for North Island Secondary School Championship (this was in Auckland)

Term Three and Four – ‘Junior Season’

Year 9 and 10 players (training *may* start in term three, dependant on player numbers)

Trainings

- Mon, Thurs - 7.30pm - 9.30pm at MAGS Pool

Games

- October to December (TBA)- College Sport Auckland League, games Friday and Sunday pm
- 26–29 November Year 9 & 10 Champs (Boys and Girls) Auckland

2019 fees

\$275 for training and Auckland Secondary Schools League \$215 for North Island Secondary Schools Championship NOTE:

- Under 16 Club players will be playing and training in term 3.
- Under 14 Club players will be playing and training in term 4.

Uniform

- MAGS Girls Water Polo Swimsuit; or
- MAGS Boys Water Polo Swimsuit

(both are available from the sports office)

- Standard PE gear to wear to/from the pool and during team duties (such as table)

Commitment

Water Polo is a school sport, but it is fully paid for by players – there is no additional funding from the school. This means that the budget is calculated

based on the number of players for each season or event.

We are more than happy to provide a breakdown of costs upon request.

Prior to an event, we will ask for a commitment from each player by a certain date; after this date, you are committed to the event, even if you decide to opt out – this means that you will still be charged the fee.

Registration

Registration is easy – simply email magswaterpolo@gmail.com with your name and form class (if you know it already) and we will be in touch.

See you poolside! MAGS Water Polo (Deb and Sandi)

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