

Important Dates

1 February

Timetable starts
Meet the Teacher
Evening – 6pm

6 February

WAITANGI DAY – No
School

7 February

EOTC Starts

8 February

Councillors Camp

9 February

Councillors Camp
Ponsonby
Events/Activities
Expo

13 February

BOT Meeting – 6pm

20 February

Central Zone Girls
Tennis

21 February

Learning Centre Open
Morning

22 February

School Swimming
Sports
Central Zone Boys
Tennis

Principal's Message

Welcome to Ponsonby Intermediate School 2018.

Meet the teacher evening is on tomorrow, Thursday 1 February at 6:00pm (car parking on the school field). Please assemble in the school Hall.

EOTC trips start Wednesday 7 February. Parents are needed to assist with the EOTC trips so please look out for the EOTC trip information that is specific to your child. They will bring this information home in the first couple of days.

On Friday 9 February we hold 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, Skiing teams, Rock bands, Kapa Haka and the other “thousands” of experiences we have on offer.

Ideally all students would have arrived with all their stationary on the first day. Please visit the school website for the stationary list and a copy of the Parents' Handbook (link below).

http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/uploads/5/5/5/9/55596927/ponsonby_intermediate_-_parents_handbook_2018.pdf

I hope you have all had a great break and are ready for your Ponsonby Experience 2018, I know I am!

Nick Wilson
Principal

Important information for the first few days

Your child will be bringing home a lot of information in the next few days. We encourage you to discuss this with them each night.

Firstly, a letter from your child's form teacher introducing themselves will already have been sent home with your child as well as the EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) information pack.

Other information that will be sent home in the first week is our school-wide bullying procedures and policies as well as our BYOD and cyber safety information.

At the need of each of these documents there is a form that needs to be signed and returned as soon as possible.

As mentioned by our Principal, please have a close look at your child's EOTC programme as we require lots of parent help on these trips. If you are interested in helping out, please fill out the parent help form that your child has taken home. Any questions about EOTC, your child's form teacher is the first person you should contact. Teacher email addresses can be found on the school website: <http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/our-people.html>

Along with this digital newsletter, you would have also been sent our Term 1 overview. This overview outlines some of our important events in Term 1.

This overview is subject to change so please also check our school website calendar which will have the most up to date overview.

<http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/community-calendar.html>

Student Planners

Your child has a student planner that they use to note down important information and dates such as sports trials, homework reminders or extracurricular activities that they may be interested in.

We encourage you to check this student planner regularly so you have an idea about what is going at Ponsonby or any reminders they may have.

Daily Notices

Daily notices are read to the students every morning at 8:35am immediately after the roll. Students also have access to these daily notices through their Google account.

The daily notices are one of the main ways teachers and the school delivers information to the students. It is up to the student to note down all the information that relates to them and relay this information to parents and caregivers if necessary.

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