

Important Dates

20 February

Girls Tennis

22 February

School Swimming

Sports – Pt. Erin Pools
Boys Tennis

26 February

Health Consent Talks

27 February

Boys Softball

28 February

Learning Centre Open
Morning

1 March

Girls Softball

6 March

Core Conferences
3:30pm – 8pm

7 March

Central Zone Swimming

8 March

School Photos
Core Conferences
3:30pm – 8pm

9 March

Boys Cricket

15 March

Orienteering Team
Modular Conferences
3:30pm – 8pm

20 March

NZEI Union Meeting –
Finish -12:30pm
Girls Cricket

24 March

Market Day

Principal's Message

I hope you have enjoyed the first three weeks of your 2018 Ponsonby Experience. It is important we establish school culture quickly; you are only here for two years. Events such as the Meet the Teacher Evening, EOTC and the Events Expo are designed to immerse students and whānau into the Ponsonby Experience.

This week I will attend the Councillors' Leadership Camp based at my family bach in Tinopai. One of the evening activities is to map out some of the major student events. The school has a strong focus on student agency – where students sit at the decision making table.

Perhaps the best advice I can give our new Year 7 students is this – *Listen to the daily notices, make notes about the events/activities on offer in your student planner and get involved in as many activities as you can.*

In this newsletter you will find out information on the upcoming Student Led Conferences and Swimming Sports. In a separate attachment we have included our Curriculum Map for the Term – all the planned Learning Intentions school-wide.

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.

Regards,

Nick Wilson
Principal

Swimming Sports

Our School Swimming Sports will be held at Point Erin Pools, Tuesday 22 February.

Year 7 Classes Assemble on the Basketball Courts 8.35am – walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme begins at 9.00am.

Year 7 students will finish the programme at 12:00pm, have lunch at Point Erin Park and wait until Years 8's have entered the pool.

Year 8 Classes Assemble on the Basketball Courts 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.

Students will need: Swimming togs, Towel, Sweater or Rain jacket, Sunhat, Sunscreen, Lunch and a Drink (in plastic container).

Championships will be held in Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle and Butterfly. All events are 33 metres in length, apart from 100m Freestyle. There are 2 fun races. All students should enter at least 2 events, and will accumulate House Points.

There is no use of the Point Erin Tuck-shop, no Chewing Gum, and no Glass Bottles to be taken.

Parents are very welcome to attend.

A full Swim Programme is attached to the end of this Newsletter.

2018 Costs

NB: Subject to review

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 2018 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 – Ski Team, 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 \$580.00 for the year or \$145.00 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.

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We offer a 5% discount on the full amount of \$580.00 if paid before the end of March 2018.

Sports and Ed. Outside the Classroom	\$50.00
Special Events/Trips	\$50.00
Options Modules	\$50.00
Printing (including School Magazine)	\$40.00
The Arts	\$50.00
Internet Levy	\$50.00
Transport	\$30.00
Technology	\$110.00
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Activity Costs	\$430.00
School Donation	\$150.00
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Total Per Year	\$580.00
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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 codes below. **Please include your child's room number.**

Core Conferences:

Tuesday 6th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE1 Code: kcpe6)

Thursday 8th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE2 Code: ky8ra)

Thursday 22nd March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE3 Code: fy4qw)

Modular Conferences

Tuesday 14th March 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code: 4fa2p)

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

Thanks,

Cobey Sweetman

cobeys@ponsint.school.nz

Core Teachers:

English:

Katie Muller: Teaching Rooms 11, 15

Olivia Freeman: Teaching Rooms 3, 8, 13

Sarah Howie: Teaching Rooms 1, 9, 25

Penelope Dunn: Teaching Rooms 6, 18, 23

Georgina Thomas: Teaching Rooms 21, 26, 30

Angela Langton: Teaching Rooms 12, 16, 28

Angela Lane: Teaching Rooms 17, 20, 22

Maths:

Cherie Bolesworth: Teaching Rooms 11, 17, 22, 26

Gavin Chester: Teaching Rooms 1, 12, 21, 25

Kim Edwards: Teaching Rooms 8, 13, 15, 30

Katherine Busch: Teaching Rooms 9, 16, 20, 28

Alison Tripp: Teaching Rooms 3, 6, 18, 2

Module Teachers:

Design and Textiles: Cobey Sweetman

Teaching Rooms 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

Art: Kelly Richardson

Teaching Rooms 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Music: Paul Curtis

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Health & P.E: Brad Mertens

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30

Home Economics: Jody Hart

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

Science: Margaret Marsick

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

Science: Jess Phillips

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

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

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

Social Sciences: Jo McCullagh

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

Learning Languages: Tricia Orr

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

Student Safety

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 for reasons of safety. 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 up. 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.

Sports Trials

Term One at Ponsonby Intermediate is always a busy time. Lunch time sport, sports trials, and various other clubs and activities starting up for the year keep the students on their toes. In order for students to be aware of what is coming up and to ensure they are organised, they need to keep a close eye on the daily notices each morning. This is where all up and coming sports trials will be advertised. These daily notices can be accessed from any device by logging into your child's Ponsonby Google account.

Sports trials are already underway – Softball, Cricket and Tennis.

Other sports this term include Central Zone swimming and orienteering. If your child has a particular interest in these, tell them to keep an eye on the daily notices for more information.

Michelle Murray

Sports Coordinator

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Basketball

At our Ponsonby Expo on last Friday there was a lot of interest expressed for basketball, which is great to see. This year, basketball will not commence until Week 4 Term 3. The competition runs for 15 weeks at the North Shore Events Centre and the AUT North Shore Campus. Trials will commence towards the end of Term 2, so keep checking those daily notices. To tie the students over, we will be playing basketball as a lunchtime sport and will be practising and playing it in Physical Education. We will also be organising a Councillors 3 on 3 tournament during Term 2 if time and availability allows.

Netball

Even though the year has just commenced, netball season is fast approaching! By now, all students interested in playing for the school should have received a permission slip to take home, with important information regarding the trial dates.

Year 8's: 21st February

Year 7's: 22nd of February

All trials go from 3.20 until approximately 5pm. From here, the students need to keep an eye on the daily notices for notification of more trials and when and where the teams will be posted. More information will be distributed to both the students and to home once the teams have been finalised.

Education Outside The Classroom (E.O.T.C)

All Year 8 classes have now had their first trip for the Ponsonby ETOC experience. The Year 7 students will be going on their first trip today. Our 5 trips for 2018 are: Auckland Museum, MOTAT, Circability, Uptown Bounce, and Parnell Baths. Each of these activities have a planned lesson incorporated into the programme by outside instructors and educators. Classes will also receive 3 sports lessons organised by Kelly Sport that focus on participation, movement and teamwork.

If you are available to help on any of these trips please contact your child's form teacher. All the information about EOTC and when the trips are, will be in your child's Student Planner.

ICAS - Exams

This year the following Australasian Schools' Competitions are available: Science, English, Writing, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Mathematics.

The Australasian Schools' Competitions provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. They can also be used to monitor individual progress in a range of subject-related skills and to recognise and reward achievement at all levels. **If your child has strengths in any subject offered we encourage their participation.**

Students who participate will each receive a Certificate and a detailed results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, identifying the skill tested in each question and indicating the percentage of students across New Zealand who answered each question correctly. The results letter is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio.

The entry fees are outlined below. The Spelling and Writing entry fees are higher due to them requiring hand marking.

We require the entry fee by **Thursday 15 March 2018**. We are unable to take late entries.

The actual test dates are as follows:

Digital Technologies	\$9.50	Tuesday 8 May 2018
Science	\$9.50	Tuesday 29 May 2018
Writing	\$20.50	Thursday 14 June 2018
Spelling	\$11.50	Wednesday 13 June 2018
English	\$9.50	Tuesday 31 July 2018
Mathematics	\$9.50	Tuesday 14 August 2018
Total	\$70.00	

Each test must be sat on the above days as the Competitions are external exams. Practice Online is available for use at home. Practice Online is available for English, Mathematics and Science. <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au>

This year we are also running lunchtime sessions before each ICAS exam to ensure the students know what to expect in the tests and how to read the questions.

There will be a meeting for the students who are interested next week where they will receive a form to fill in identifying the competitions they wish to participate in and more details about payment.

Immunisation talks

Immunisation talks will be held on the 26th of February. Students will receive information from the Public Health Nurse about what these entail. Forms will be sent home for your family to discuss. Forms will need to be returned signed if students are having immunisations or not.

Immunisation times are:

Year 8 (boys and girls) HPV: 29/3/18 and a second one on 27/9/18

Year 7: (boys and girls) Boostrix: 27/9/18

If these are missed there will be a catch up date, otherwise they can be carried out by your GP.

Homework Club

Homework Club is starting next week on Wednesday 21st February. This is a great place for students to get help if needed and a quiet space to do their homework. See Rachel Maitland-Smith for a letter rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz

Learning Centre Open Morning

If your student is receiving extra support through the Learning Centre we would love to meet you. We will discuss the programmes we have on offer, and how we can work together to best support your child. Open morning is Wednesday 28th of February from 9.15-12.35. Let rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz know if you can make it. A light morning tea will be provided. Come to Room 2.

Options Classes – Thursday afternoons

Below are the options running in Term 1.

Students had the opportunity to select their top five choices and have been placed in their Options classes for the term.

Students get to choose a new Option each term.

Options runs on a Thursday from 2:05pm until 3:05pm.

Any questions or queries, please contact Cobey Sweetman
cobeys@ponsint.school.nz

<p>Book Club: Mr Chester - R1 This is for all those students who love reading and acting. We will share our thoughts about what we have read and then in groups act it out.</p>	<p>Origami: Miss Tripp - R3 Amaze your friends with what you can create with paper. Get the chance to learn and practise origami techniques in this traditional Japanese craft.</p>
<p>Beginner Chinese: Mrs Freeman: - R8 Chinese for Beginners! Learn how to speak, count, write, draw, fight, cook and eat like the Chinese. For non Chinese speakers only.</p>	<p>Coding 101: Mr Wilson - R19 Keen to learn more about script coding? We will be looking at basic Java, Python and Swift etc learning collaboratively together. Are you a Life Long Learner like Mr Andy Wilson? Sign up here!</p>
<p>Summer BBQ: Miss Hart R16 If you are a keen cook and want to learn a few tricks to showcase during your summer BBQs come along and learn about marinades, salads, and how to cook a bit of meat on the barbie mate! *Nb: This option will need to have some ingredients brought from home.</p>	<p>Skateboard Decks: Mrs Murray - R18 Get your innovative hat on ... design your own brand on to a skateboard deck, using cool Pop/Graffiti style art and symbols that feature elements such as name (brand), culture and community.</p>
<p>Funky Felt & Perfect Pom Poms: Miss Thomas- R21 Do you want to get your design groove on? Would you like to create your own felt decoration? How about making pom pom garlands? Come along and discover the art of threading a needle and constructing something with your hands! A little bit of calm and patience is required...</p>	<p>Cubism Art Self-portraits: Mrs Lane- R22 We'll be using the inspiration of Picasso to draw cubist self-portraits of ourselves using pastel crayons. Our own masterpieces! You don't have to be good at art but you do have to like lots of colour and drawing</p>
<p>Girls Sport: Mrs Orr - Field Keen to get involved and improve some of your ball skills. This option is for those keen to try out and develop football skills for the School Zone day in Term 2. Other sports will also be included.</p>	<p>Where in the world am I?: Mrs McCullagh- R25 If you are interested in travel and curious about the world, then this could be the option for you. Over the term you will research other countries, create imaginary holiday plans, watch travel shows, look at the tourism industry and develop a country of your own.</p>
<p>Dance: Mrs Cullen - Hall The art of storytelling through dance! If you</p>	<p>Chess: Miss Busch - R28 Are you interested in playing one of the most</p>

<p>love to dance and enjoy exploring different genres of this art form, then this option could be for you. This option will be a combination of dances taught by teachers and self choreography. We will also look at dances from different cultures.</p>	<p>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>Strategy Games: Miss Edwards - R30 Do you enjoy strategising while trying to beat your friends at a game? If so then this could be the option for you. We will learn to play Mancala, Set and Rummikub (sorry, no chess) and then challenge each other until we find the champion.</p>	<p>Touch Typing: Mrs Maitland Smith- HUB Come and learn how to type without using the sense of sight to find the keys. You will learn the useful skill of Touch Typing using Interactive learning games and speed.</p>
<p>BandJam: Mr Curtis - R7 If you have some experience playing Bass, Guitar, Keyboard or Drums here's an opportunity to show us what you can do. We will look at jamming in small groups, learning some simple songs, songwriting and improvisation. This option is limited to 20 people only. If you are interested you will need to make this your first option, then come to Mr Curtis in Room 7 to put down what skill level you have. You will be told before Options in Week 3 if you have been selected for BandJam. Note; If you want to try out for bands later in the Term there will be auditions for anyone interested regardless of whether you are in Band Jam or not.</p>	<p>Little People: Mrs Naidoo- Have you heard of Slinkachu? He is a creative London based photographer who sets 'miniature' scenes around the world by creating his own 'little people'. These scenes are missed by those who don't look at the detail in their environment. During this option your challenge will be to create your own 'little people' and make scenes around the school in which you will photograph. We will see who in the school looks closely at their environment to find our 'little people'.</p>
<p>Boys Sport: Mr Bennie - Field Choose this option if you like playing hard out sports. We will be playing lots of new and unique games. All you need is a drink bottle, your fitness uniform and a 'fairplay attitude'!</p>	<p>French: Mrs Imbert - R24 Learn to speak French with an expert. We will also be doing French cooking, sports and looking into French culture.</p>
<p>Yoga (Girls Only) - R26 Learn Yoga with a professional instructor. Mats, straps, blocks etc all provided. Gain an understanding of body awareness, improved alignment or posture, strength and stamina.</p>	<p>Filmmaking: Miss Haysom- R9 Discover the basics of film making by learning about the importance of a storyboard, script writing and camera angles. We will work in teams to produce your very own short film.</p>

Martial Arts - R6

Do you want to learn Kempo Karate and Kung-Fu by a master? It is a highly effective art that revolves around strong stances and utilises both short and long-range hand and foot techniques. Including self-defence sets, Karate and Kung-Fu stances, hand and foot techniques, leadership traits.

Get your craft on: Mrs Wilson- R2

If you enjoy craft then this is the Option for you- needlework, fimo craft, paper craft, card making, mosaic craft and much more. Let your creativity flow !!

School Lateness – Important Information

If your child is going to be late to school, we require a note explaining the reason for their lateness. This note should be written in their student planner if possible. This system is very important for tracking students and is to ensure students are safe and arriving to school on time. There are a number of important admin tasks that take place during form-time and it is an opportunity for students to see what is happening for the day and what is coming up.

If a student is late and does not have a note explaining their absence we will contact the parents or caregivers.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation with reinforcing this safety system so we can ensure our students are not missing out on any opportunities that Ponsonby has to offer and that they are arriving at school safely.

NZEI Paid Union Meetings

From the NZEI desk...

We're all well aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers, and the heavy workloads putting massive pressure on all of us. A lack of resourcing for children with additional learning needs compounds the problems.

These issues are serious and growing, but together we can turn them around and ensure every child has a qualified teacher and receives the time and support they need to thrive at school.

Planning is underway for our major campaign, called *'It's Time'* or *'Kua Tae Te Wā'*. This campaign will focus on seeking significant investment into the education sector to address the above issues.

We will be holding paid union meetings in March so that primary members can talk about the campaign and what we will need to do to win. This will include considering our strategy for collective agreement negotiations this year and there will be separate meetings for principals and teachers.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means the normal afternoon programmes (Periods 5 & 6) on **Tuesday 20 March between 1:25pm and 3:10pm** will not take place while staff attend the meeting. The school library will be staffed and remain open until 3:05pm. It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about the nationwide crisis.

Bits and Pieces

THE FLASH BANG SCIENCE CLUB – AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES ARE BACK

(7yrs-12yrs) Open for bookings now and filling fast. Inspire your curious kids with practical, hands on experiments in a fun creative environment. Our popular PONSONBY class is back on Wednesdays 4-5.30 and a brand new one in ELLERSLIE on Mondays 4-5.30pm starting in 2 weeks so still time to book. For more information and bookings please check out www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz or email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz.

St Paul's Open Day

St Paul's College, 183 Richmond Road Ponsonby

Thursday 08 March. Sessions: 9:30am-1:45pm.

Assembly in College Chapel, followed by tour. Enrolments for Years 7 and 8.

Swimming Sports Programme 2018

8:35am All year 7 students meet on Basketball court

8:40am Walk to Pt Erin Pools

9:00am Programme begins

Heats for Year 7 Students

	Event	
1.	100m FREESTYLE	BOYS
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3.	33m BACKSTROKE	BOYS
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7.	33M FREESTYLE	BOYS
8.	“ “	GIRLS
11.	33M BREASTROKE	BOYS
12.	“ “	GIRLS
15.	33m BUTTERFLY (final)	BOYS
16.	“ “	GIRLS
17.	33m RUNNING RACE (time allowing)	BOYS
18.	“ “	GIRLS

Finals

19.	33m BACKSTROKE	BOYS
20.	“ “	GIRLS
21.	“ FREESTYLE	BOYS
22.	“ “	GIRLS
23.	33m BREASTROKE	BOYS
24.	“ “	GIRLS
25.	100m FREESTYLE (if needed)	BOYS
26.	“ “	GIRLS
27.	LONG DISTANCE UNDERWATER COMPETITION (time allowing)	BOYS
28.	LONG DISTANCE UNDERWATER COMPETITION (time allowing)	GIRLS

29. **Class Relay Team = 2 boys and 2 girls 1 length each**

11:40am Year 7 students line up outside pools (in the park), wait till year 8's have entered the pools and then return to school for lunchtime, SSR & Formtime (periods 5 & 6).

Year 8

Line up on basketball court at 11:05am in your togs. After a couple of house chants walk in houses to Pt.Erin. Walk in houses with at least a minute between them and teachers please share yourselves evenly between them. Students must walk on the footpath. Please take the safety aspect seriously. (repeat this procedure on the way home).You will pass the year 7's who will be waiting in Pt. Erin park, do not vist them!

11:45pm Year 8 swimming Programme starts.

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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

Ponsonby Learning Pathway

Our Vision

Articulate, energised achievers; ready for the future

New Zealand Curriculum

Ponsonby Community

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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