

Important Dates

28 February

Learning Centre Open
Morning

1 March

Girls Softball

6 March

Boys Cricket
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

22 March

Kapa Haka Trip
Core Conferences
3:30pm – 8pm

23 March

Market Day

Principal's Message

As we approach the middle of this first term the school programmes really start to intensify. By now homework should be regular, many sports teams have been selected and leadership roles are being established.

The Leadership opportunities at this school are amazing and I encourage students to make the most of these. In our assembly last week the many different roles were showcased – Eco Warriors, Tech Experts, Music Crew, Librarians, Culture Leaders, Kapa Haka, Sports Captains, Positively Ponsonby reps and more! We also discussed what leadership really is – *and what it is not*. I'd encourage you to have a discussion on this topic with your own child, it is always interesting the insight our wonderful intermediate aged students have!

Thank you to those who have attended our beginning of year events and helped out on EOTC trips. We try to build the "Ponsonby Experience" as quickly as possible.

As parents, the mid-point of the term offers you an opportunity to be informed about your child's progress. Please make the most of the up-coming Student Led Conferences, booking information below.

Finally, I am pleased to announce we have a new Board of Trustees Chairperson – Carla Hood. Carla has been a long time supporter of the school and is in her second term as a trustee. Paul Marsick (former Chair) remains on the Board and we greatly appreciate his dedication and commitment as a trustee for almost a decade.

Regards,

Nick Wilson
Principal

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.**

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

Thursday 15th 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

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, 23

Core Teachers:

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: 3, 6, 11, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

Teaching Rooms: 1, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 25, 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

Swimming Sports Results

On Friday 22nd February, all Ponsonby Intermediate students took part in our school Swimming Sports. After a false start due to a postponement on the Thursday and a smaller time frame to get through our swimming sports programme, all students were able to participate in at least one event on the day.

The weather played its part and both Year 7 and 8 students had an amazing day, with some inspirational house chanting as well as some close class relays.

Students who achieved a top three finish in each of the finals will be representing our school at the Central Zone Swimming Competition to be held at Diocesan on the 7th March. We wish you all the best for the day.

Ponsonby Swimming Sports 2018 - Results

Year 7 Girls' Finals

Event	1 st Place	Rm	Time	2 nd Place	Rm	3 rd Place	Rm
100m Freestyle	Hereata Crosswell	11	1:12:88	Isla Smith	11	Amelie Loomes	6
33m Butterfly	Genevieve Cartmell	23	21.75	Hereatea Crosswell	11	Gabrielle White	22
33m Backstroke	Hereata Crosswell	11	27.09	Neve Dobson	11	Isabella Harcourt Lara Hoey	17 21
33m Breaststroke	Hereata Crosswell	11	28.15	Lily Smith	20	Lily Aspden Gabrielle White	3 22
33m Freestyle Free	Hereata Crosswell	11	22.37	Isla Smith	11	Renée Cunningham Gabrielle White	30 22
Class Relay	Room 11			Room 3		Room 21	

Year 7 Boys' Finals

Event	1st Place	Rm	Time	2nd Place	Rm	3rd Place	Rm
100m Freestyle	Elijah Yin	17	1:15:00	Joel Blijlevens	21	Liam Dodunski	3
33m Butterfly	Liam Dodunski	3	22.90	Elijah Yin	17	Cohen-Jones Taylor	6
33m Backstroke	Elijah Yin	17	26.12	Liam Dodunski	3	Joel Blijlevens Hugo Morganti	21 23
33m Breaststroke	Elijah Yin	17	28.13	Ike Ancell	11	Joel Blijlevens Liam Dodunski	21 3
33m Freestyle Free	Elijah Yin	17	22.03	Liam Dodunski	3	Joel Blijlevens Ike Ancell	21 11

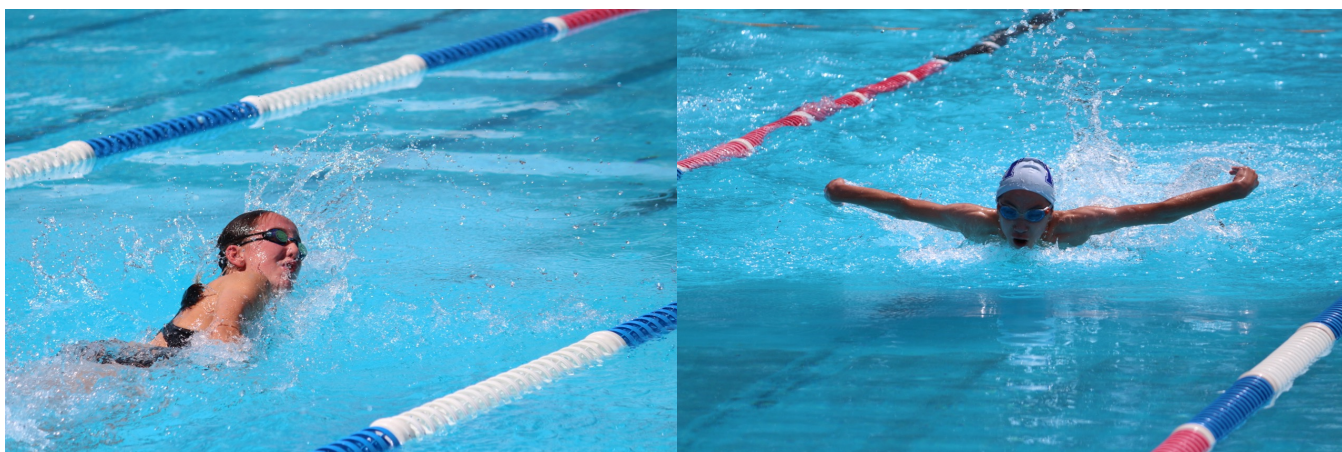
Year 8 Girls' Finals

Event	1 st Place	Rm	Time	2 nd Place	Rm	3 rd Place	Rm
100 Freestyle	Chance Singer	8	1:14:63	Harriet Gowing	13	Emily Smith	26
33m Butterfly	Chance Singer	8	26:34	Amelie Fairclough	15	Emily Smith	26
33m Backstroke	Chance Singer	8	25:59	Ruby Eaton	15	Isabella Houghton	15
33m Freestyle	Chance Singer	8	21:91	Harriet Gowing	13	Amelie Fairclough	15
33m Breastroke	Harriet Gowing	13	28:22	Chance Singer	8	Amelie Fairclough	15
Class relay	Room 28			Room 8		Room 26	

Year 8 Boys' Finals

Event	1 st Place	Rm	Time	2 nd Place	Rm	3 rd Place	Rm
100 Freestyle	Koen Dettling	28	1:14:62	Sam Kenny	28	Elliott Williams	25
33m Butterfly	Sam Kenny	28	22:72	Koen Dettling	28	Elliott Williams	25
33m Backstroke	Sam Kenny	28	25:75	Koen Dettling	28	Elliott Williams	25
33m Freestyle	Sam Kenny	28	20:53	Koen Dettling	28	Tobias Beaumont	28
33m Breastroke	Tobias Beaumont	28	27.97	Sam Kenny	28	Elliott Williams	25





Sports Update

CZ Girls' Tennis Day

Year 7s - Kate Anderson (Singles) Year 7 Girls Runner Up: Amelie Kelly, Renee Douglas (Doubles) placed 3rd in Pool round.

Year 8s - Emma Anderson (Singles) Year 8 Girls Runner Up: Loane Chauvineau, Grace Russell (Doubles) placed 5th in Pool round.

It was an exciting exhibition of tennis skills, close games played and a show of good sportsmanship between the competitors. Congratulations to Kate and Emma Anderson who both made the finals in their year groups. Thanks to parent Penny Anderson for helping with transport and for her positive sideline support with our teams.



CZ Boys' Tennis: Results to be confirmed.

Year 7s - Brendon Kamberi (Singles), Louis Hardy, Jacob Scott (Doubles)

Year 8s - Maxwell Murray (Singles), Tom Buckley, Ollie Burton (Doubles)

Thanks to our parents Debbie Hardy and Sharon Buckley for supporting our teams on the day. And thanks to all other parents who came along to spectate.

Netball Trials:

Year 8s Trial 1 Wednesday 21 Feb. and Trial 2 Wednesday 7 March.

Year 7s Trial 1 Thursday 22 Feb. and Thursday 1 March.

Excellent turnout of players demonstrating their netball skills. Round 2 of trials continue this week and next week. Keep listening to the Daily Notices for reminders of trial days/times.

Michelle Murray

Sports Coordinator

michellem@ponsint.school.nz

Councillors' Camp

On Thursday and Friday of Week 3 our ten Year 8 Core Councillors embarked on a two day leadership camp with Mr Wilson and Mrs Muller. The group of students were involved in a range of activities that helped them get to know each other as a group, step out of their comfort zone and learn about what they can bring to their leadership roles this year. A highlight for the group was cooking for 12 people, horse riding and visiting Tinopai School on the Kaipara Coast, with a roll of 18 students. We are excited about what this young capable group of leaders can bring to the Ponsonby community this year. To see more there will be a video of Councillors' Camp on this week's Room 8 PPTV episode.





Daily Notices and Student Planner

There is still a lot happening at Ponsonby in Term 1. Students are required to write any important notices in their student planner each morning, this can then be shared with parents at home. Could you please work with us to continue to encourage your child to write down notices that are important or relevant to them. This way they will not miss out on some of the exciting events and activities coming up.

Market Day

The first big event for the councillors this term is our annual Market Day. This is a highlight of Term 1 and a great learning experience for our students. Throughout this week the school will get a lot of information about what Market Day involves with sign-ups happening through a Google Form next week. Please talk to your children and support them in their Market Day endeavours. There will be parent information as well as stall holder information coming out next week. Please make a note of the Market Day date (Friday 23rd March) so you can come shopping, grab lunch and support our students. Take a look at last year's Market Day stalls by checking out the PPTV episode (2:19) at the following link. <https://vimeo.com/210709110>

Lost Property

There is already a lot of clothing and other belongings in the lost property. Please ensure everything your child brings to school has their name and room number on it and it will then be returned to them. You are welcome to check for lost items on the racks in the foyer of the Events Centre.

Health Talks – HPV / Boostrix permissions

Please complete the consent forms before Friday this week if students are getting vaccinations at school or with their G.P.

ICAS – Exams (Repeat Notice)

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.

NZEI Paid Union Meetings (Repeat Notice)

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

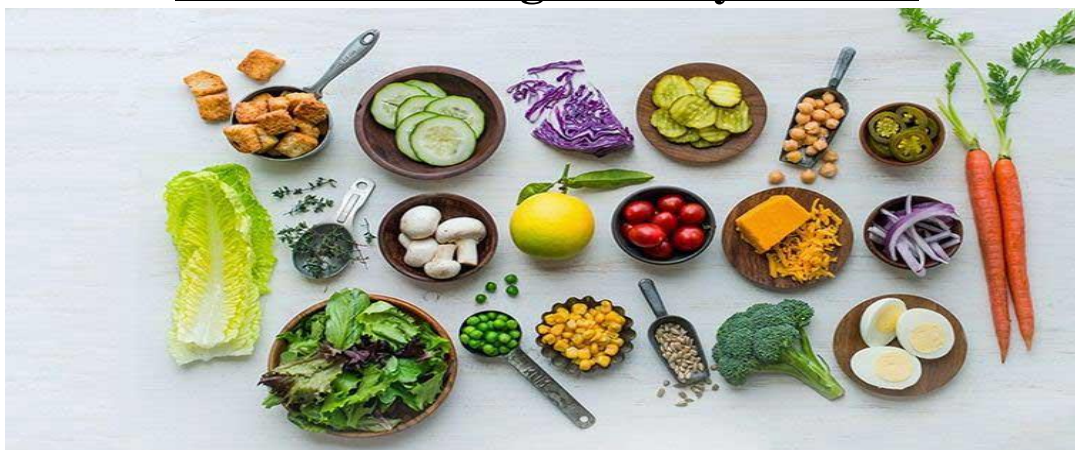
Netball Coaching

Westlake Girls High School are holding a Coaching Clinic for all young netballers to coincide with up and coming school trials. The clinics are being run by ex Silver Fern April Ieremia, together with the help of the Westlake Girls' High School Premier Netball Squad. The Clinic is ideally suited to years 5 to 8 but we can also accommodate younger players.

The Clinic will be held on Sunday 4th March at Westlake Girls' High School under the covered courts, we are holding two sessions, 9.30-12.30pm and 1.30-4.30pm, the cost is \$35 per session. You can register and pay online by going to www.westlakegirls.school.nz, go to the online payments tab and it is under "Coaching Clinic".

If you require any further information, you can contact April on 021 300020

Kids' Cooking Holiday Classes



Looking for something fun to do in the holidays and wanting to learn some new skills? Why not test your cooking abilities and have a great time doing it.

Where: Ponsonby Intermediate Food-tech Room

Dates: 16th 17th 18th 19th April 2018

11:00am- 2:00pm

\$50 per session

10 years+

(Students do not have to attend Ponsonby Intermediate)

Max 20 students per session and Minimum being 8 (classes won't go ahead otherwise)

Classes will be 3 hour slots where students will be learning how to prepare, cook and of course eat healthy, nutritious main meals (all ingredients included).

**To get an idea of numbers bookings will close on Wednesday 12th April.
For more information please contact Jody Hart jodyh@ponsint.school.nz**

Nb: I am a fully qualified chef and teacher and hold a current first aid certificate. Students will be well supervised and will learn safe cooking and knife skills.

Kidshout

A club that students aged up to 14 can call their own. Projects include: Sport, Art, Media, Life Skills, Dance and Drama. Held in Westmere, contact Jenny Linton 0274290010 or kidshout@xtra.co.nz

House Wanted To Rent

One of our Japanese families would like to rent a 2/3 bedroom house in the Auckland inner city area as soon as possible. The family have a piano they would like to place in the house. Please contact: naokkof@yahoo.co.jp

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