# Newsletter Ponsonby Intermediate School

Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

15 March 2018

## Important

#### 15 March

**Orienteering Team** Modular Conferences 3:30pm-8pm

#### 20 March

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

#### 22 March

Kapa Haka Trip CoreConferences 3:30pm-8pm

#### 23 March

Market Day 12:30pm-1:40pm

#### 27 March

BOTM eeting -6:00pm

#### 30 March

Good Friday - School Closed

#### 2 April

Easter Monday -School Closed

#### 3 April

Easter Tuesday -School Closed

#### 5 April

School Social 7:00pm-9:30pm

#### 6 April

ASB Get Wise in Maths Classes

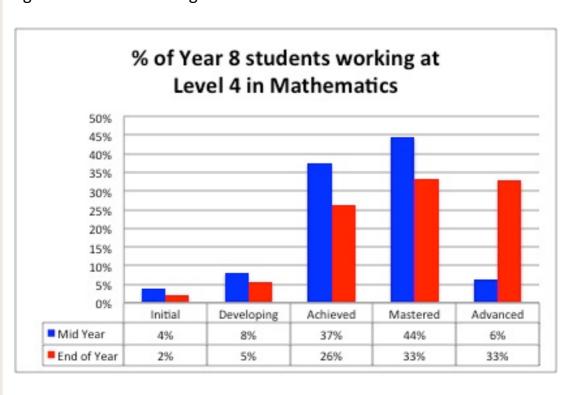
## Principal's Message

With much debate in the media about National Standards and the pros and cons associated with them, I thought I'd share just one piece of data with you.

In 2017 the school strategic targets around English and Maths read:

By the end of Year 7 90% of students will be achieving at or above their National Standard for Mathematics, Reading, Writing and 92% of Year 8 students will be achieving at or above the National Standard for Mathematics, Reading, Writing.

When setting goals they should be achievable but also aspirational. Below is a graph showing the results of our Year 8 students last year against the school's target of 92% at or above.



That is correct, we hit 93% at or above National Standard by the end of the year. Another interesting point to note is that the requirements around National Standards were a 4-point scale. This graph shows the importance of creating a 5<sup>th</sup> category (Advanced) in a school where achievement and progress are phenomenal.

Should you be interested in additional data, the Annual Variance Report is available in reception.

The up-coming Market Day is always a highlight of the "Ponsonby Experience" and I encourage Parents and Whanau to attend. It is important to note the entrepreneurial factor involved for the students. We have spent much time at school discussing how their day can be successful.

If your child does intend on participating in the Market Day, please support them by talking about profit, loss and the logistics of running their stall. We have graphs showing the type of products/events on offer, perhaps this will help you in understanding what to expect.

Last year, I came across two students who designed their own 'skate label' and had been advertising on Instagram ready for Market Day. I mentioned them in assembly and their following tripled over the weekend. It is fantastic that this authentic learning opportunity has been embraced by our young, forward-thinking students; what an excellent example of *Articulate, energized achievers; ready for the future*.

Regards,

**Nick Wilson** 

**Principal** 

## Market Day 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent Information

The organisation for Market Day is well under way with our school councillors planning how to turning our school into a bustling market. Students have signed up for a Market Day stall on Google Forms and have been attending meetings about how to be successful on the day.

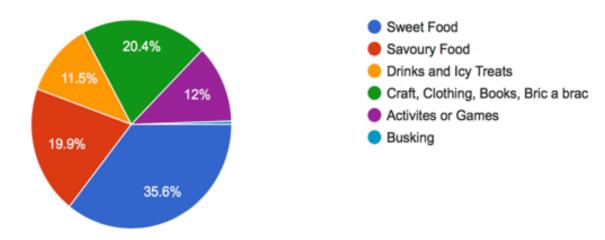
We ask that parents monitor and assist their children where necessary with the planning and organisation to ensure they are prepared and equipped on the day. A green handout went home with all students involved that has information for both parents and students.

Parents - please talk to your children about the following:

- What are your price points for items and what change will you need to have in your float on the day?
- How much product do you want to sell and do you think you will sell it?
- How will you transport everything to school on the day and how will it keep?
- Can you have everything prepared and set up during Period 4 on Friday to start selling at lunchtime?
- What does your sign look like? How can we make this stand out?

We love to see parents involved in Market Day so please come down and get involved. We hope to have a stall that will be selling coffee for parents on the day. Parking will be available in a coned area on the field from 11:30 for parents who will be coming along.

If you have any questions about Market Day please email <a href="mailto:katiem@ponsint.school.nz">katiem@ponsint.school.nz</a>.



## **Leadership Positions**

Congratulations to our new school councillors who were recognised in assembly in Week 5. The newest members of this group who have displayed strong leadership skills across the school are Theo Gorman, Molly Abbott, Kairo Ah - Kuoi Simich, Sam Kenny and Arina Chaptynova.

## **Updating Personal Details**

It is extremely important that we have the correct contact information for you on record. This week your child will be bringing home a printout of your current personal/family/emergency/Doctor contact details.

Please change any incorrect details and send this form back to your child's form teacher. If all of the details are correct please still sign and return to your child's form teacher so that we know that you have checked the information.

## Girls' Softball

Ponsonby Year 7 and Year 8 girls' softball teams competed at the CZ Softball tournament on Thursday 1 March, held at Eden/Roskill Softball Club grounds. Many games were tightly contested with some high scoring innings, exciting running between bases and impressive batting. Year 7 highlights - qualifying for the semi-finals round. Year 8 highlights - consistent pitching and team efforts; backstop and base player catches. Both teams proudly represented Ponsonby Intermediate (see photos below). Final Placings: Year 7 - 4th place and Year 8s - 7th place. Many thanks to our parents, Julie Curtis and Kerry Glengarry who gave up their day to support and coach the girls, and for Mr Bennie and Ms Murray's organisation.

**Year 7 Girls:** Willa Stephens, Charli Dunn, Eva Glengarry, Sienna Laskey, Indigo Upton, Amelie Kelly, Renee Cunningham, Maeve Pope, Victoria, Videl Tasi.

**Year 8 Girls:** Dasha Sychova, Ruby Eaton, Emma Anderson, Maia Bennett, Emma Parker, Emily Knill, Zania Neenee – Ikitomai, Christina Maea-Brown, Lola van der Sluis, Vitapilia Riki.





## **Swim Team**

A 22 strong swimming team swam superbly at the Central Zone Swimming Sports held at Diocesan School Wednesday 7th March. Ponsonby swimmers were extremely successful and made the finals of every event with all 6 relay teams also placed in the finals. A superb effort from our 4 X 50m Medley Open Boys Relay Team, which came first overall, meaning these boys will be travelling to Interzone to represent Central Auckland. They are Koen Dettling, Tobias Beaumont, Sam Kenny and Elijah Yin. Also making the Interzone Swim Team and representing Ponsonby at Central Zone will be Hereata Crosswell in the Year 7 Girls 50m Freestyle and 50m Breaststroke, along with Sam Kenny in the Year 8 Boys 50m Freestyle,

50m Backstroke and 50m Breaststroke. The swimmers were a credit to the school, showing exemplary behaviour and outstanding swimming results. The Ponsonby Team were as follows: Hereata Crosswell, Neve Dobson, Genevieve Cartmell, Isabella Harcourt, Lily Smith, Gabrielle White, Isla Smith, Elijah Yin, Liam Dodunski, Hugo Morganti, Ike Ancell, Joel Blijlevens, Chance Singer, Ruby Eaton, Harriet Gowing, Amelie Fairclough, Isabella Houghton, Koen Dettling, Sam Kenny, Tobias Beaumont, Elliott Williams and Renee Cunningham. - Mrs Lane

## Boys' Cricket

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March the 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket team played two 20/20 matches. The first against Balmoral Intermediate and the second against Mt Roskill Intermediate. Unfortunately they lost both, however, the highlight of the day was a superb partnership from Fergus Salmond and Luke Shennan of 50 runs.

The annual 6-a-side competition was held in the Auckland Domain on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Ponsonby had a maximum entry of four teams who played some outstanding cricket. Each team played 5 games back to back without a break, an outstanding effort.

#### **Final Results**

Year 7 Social – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 7 Serious – 4th

Year 8 Social - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 8 Serious - 3rd =



## Skate School – Young Guns' Open Day

Simon Thorp and the Young Guns' skate team held an Open Day here on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Simon, who is an old boy of the school, runs 'Skate School' here on Tuesdays 3:10pm – 4:10pm.

It was great to see at least 30 students of all abilities giving it a go.



## **Netball Parent/Player Meeting**

2018 Netball Parent/Player meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21 March at 6pm in the Hall. It is important that all parents of players and players attend this to organise their team coaches, managers and umpires. If you can not attend this meeting, please let Ms Murray know.

Netball Coordinator - Ms Murray michellem@ponsint.school.nz

## **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 <a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz">http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</a> using the school code. **Please include your child's room number.** 

#### **Core Conferences:**

Thursday 22<sup>rd</sup> March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE3 Code: fy4qw)

#### **Modular Conferences**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 23

#### **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, 16, 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

## Shave for a Cure

On the 26th of March Charlie, Barney and Alex from Room 8 will be shaving their hair off for a charity called Shave for a Cure. The funds go to leukaemia and blood cancer research to help find a cure for these horrible diseases. The boys decided to to this because nobody deserves to go through this and they wanted to help. On the 24th of March the boys will be dying all of their hair to help raise awareness so look out for them around school. We are thankful for any support given to the boys. So far they have raised \$420 of their \$500 goal. Here is the link to the boys page to help sponsor them.

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Thanks, from Barney, Charlie and Alex

## NZEI Paid Union Meetings (Repeat Notice)

From the NZEI desk...

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching.

Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called Kua Tae Te W $\bar{a}$  – It's Time to address these issues.

Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and Principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

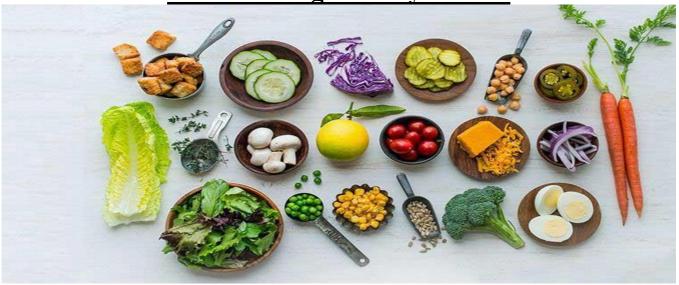
The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and Principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend, including the option of groups of teachers attending meetings at different times. This is to help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents.

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities.

Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter

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

**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.

**House Wanted to Rent** 

One of our Japanese families is looking for a house to rent in the inner city area. Two or three bedrooms wanted, and space for a large piano. Please email:naokkof@yahoo.co.jp



#### **Hypnotist Fundraiser Show**

I am part of a group of Mount Albert Grammar School students going on a World Challenge Expedition to Cambodia. We are hosting a hypnotist show on Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th March 7-9pm to fundraise for the trip. The shows are family friendly, are fantastic fun, and are held in the MAGS school hall. Tickets are \$20, and there will also be food and drinks sold on the night.

To buy tickets, contact Hannah on 02108414257 or by searching Dave Upfold on <a href="https://www.eventfinder.co.nz">www.eventfinder.co.nz</a>





## Ponsonby **Learning Pathway**



**New Zealand** Curriculum

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**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