

11 April 2018

Important Dates

11 April

Cheerleading Trials –
3:05pm – 4:30pm

12 April

Sustainable Coastlines
presentation –
1:35pm

13 April

Showcase 1:30pm –
3:10pm for Rooms 8,
9, 12, 15 and 21
Term Ends 3:05pm

30 April

Term 2 begins

2 May

Attitude Presentation
Great House Race

8 May

Boys Futsal
ICAS Exam – Digital
Tech

9 May

Girls Futsal
Revolution Tour
Performance

14 May

Lit Quiz Team
Waterpolo Zone Day

15 May

OPEN MORNING
Writers Festival
BOT meeting

Principal's Message

I trust your Ponsonby Experience has been positive in Term 1; I deliberately build the programme at the start of the year to establish school culture and values. School life is very busy for our students, we want them engaged, energized and making the most of the opportunities on offer.

Now that we have established our Ponsonby culture, Term 2 will see the academic, arts and sports flourish. Our "Ponsonby Showtime!" – a mini production celebrating dance, drama and music will be a highlight for many. We also have a Careers' Week planned. To make these events successful we will be reaching out to parents and caregivers early in the term for help.

The school talent quest is always a personal favourite of mine and with the talent in this community of ours I suggest you book in 24th May at 1:20pm now. I promise, you won't have a better Thursday afternoon this year!

Recently we have sent out a notification outlining our social media policy and what the school, the student and the parent can do to keep safe online. I'd also like to mention my concerns about a game students are playing called Fortnite. Please discuss this game with your child and its dubious merits.

Mrs Olivia Freeman goes on maternity leave as of Friday and we welcome Mr Paul Rishworth back to the school. Paul had previously completed his teacher training here.

I hope the students and staff have a safe and happy holiday, perhaps you parents/caregivers will get a break too!

Regards,

Nick Wilson
Principal

Councillors' Social

The first social of the year was a great success last Thursday, with everyone dressing up in their house colours and embracing the theme. The school councillors did a great job organising the event for the school and turning the hall into a spectacle of colour. A huge thank you to James Coleman for ensuring the students were up dancing all night. We loved your music. Check out highlights from the night on this week's PPTV episode.



Outerlink Bus Issues

Is your child encountering problems with the Outerlink bus service?

There seem to be numerous students having difficulties with getting on the homeward-bound Outerlink bus after school. I have contacted Auckland Transport who have told me we will get a more significant response from them (such as possibly providing an additional bus after school) if they can be satisfied the problem impacts 20 or more families.

So, if your child is complaining of not being let on the Outerlink bus after school because “the bus is full”, or “you aren’t lined up properly!” or the buses are just driving past the stops, please could you email me with your name and contact details and a brief blurb of the problem you/your child has encountered, as soon as possible?

With your permission I will then provide a list of names to Auckland Transport and a summary of concerns so hopefully our children can be guaranteed a prompt bus ride home rather than a long wait followed by an inevitable walk!

Many thanks, Susie Houghton (021-579900; susie@susiehoughton.co.nz)

ASB Getwise

Over the last week all of the classes have attended a session with Gary or Serena. They talked about the importance of spending some and saving some too and how credit cards work. The students were asked to make some real life decisions during a game they played in regards to paying for insurances and how to pay for their bills. The students were engaged during the sessions and all took away some new knowledge.



Student Leadership Positions

Cultural Leaders

Congratulations to the following new Cultural Leaders: Atalea Barron-Afeaki, Douglas Allen, Sasha De Spong, Ben Blake Howling, Leslie Faiva, Darija Bocevaska, Tristan Hosking, Dottie Baker, Arina Chaptynova, Sione Taufalele, Maha Shahab, Ivy Keith, Kaiya Walker, Jasmine Zhou, Christina Maea-Brown, Ava Walker, Maya Elima, Maia Bennett, Vetapilia Riki and Kate Nguyen. The cultural leaders had a great planning day on Monday 9th April. They have a plan for the year to highlight the diverse cultures within Ponsonby Intermediate. If you have any expertise in any Cultural Art, Music or Dance that you would be able to share with our group or the school please contact Cherie Bolesworth cherieb@ponsint.school.nz

Eco-Warriors

Congratulations to the following new Eco-Warriors: Myiesha Shahab, Radha Patel, Arina Chaptynova, Sarah McCallum, Lola van der Sluis, Max Tunnicliffe, Arabella Fitzlaurie, Pearl Layne, Genevieve Cartmell, Nia McDonald, Rosie Lammimam and Imogen Moller Thompson.

Sports Leaders

There were a number of Ponsonby students who applied to be a Sports Leader, all very capable and motivated. Criteria for the role was to be energetic, organised and willing to take on sports responsibilities such as helping out at lunchtime in the sports shed, and challenging themselves to take some sports and games. The 12 Sports Leaders will be announced at assembly on Friday. More will be announced later in the year.

Careers' Week

Week Four of Term 2 is the Ponsonby Intermediate Careers' Week. During this time the teachers will be taking lessons that focus on career pathways specific to each subject area. We will also have special guests come in to talk to the whole school about a range of careers from Engineering to Neurological physiotherapy.

Kapa Haka at Orakei Marae

As part of the Ministry of Education's Community of Learning project Ponsonby Intermediate School has joined the Te Kahui Ako o Waitemata, along with 11 other schools, in the Central Western Bays area.

The official launch was held at Orakei Marae where our Kapa Haka group took part in an impressive Powhiri in front of many, many distinguished guests.

Thank you to Trisha Orr for her superb organization.



Options Sharing Assembly

Last Thursday in Music Assembly we featured Portraits in the style of Picasso, our Concert Band and several groups of musicians in the BandJam option who performed extracts from some of the songs they have been 'jamming' on.



Showcase

Term 1 2018

An invitation to all whanau of the classes involved



Friday 13 April 1:30pm

Characterization, Creative Dance, Music Videos, Fairytales and more!

Rooms 8, 9, 12, 15 & 21

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.

Kelly Club/Sports at Marist Catholic School and Point Chevalier School

We hoped you enjoyed your EOTC Programme! The term is at an end, come and join us for our School Holiday Programmes. We offer exciting sessions focused around sports, technology, cooking, science and art activities. Both venues have fantastic Multi sport turfs, huge hall spaces and awesome coaches. Our programmes are Ministry of Social Development approved. For more information or to book, please visit our

website www.kellyclub.co.nz or contact Daniel on 021 258 2696. You can also email ptchev@kellyclub.co.nz or marist@kellyclub.co.nz



For Young Women, Ages 11 – 14

“Thank you Jacqui & Dee, It’s Sooo Much Fun!!” (Sophie, 12)

“Sylvie is loving her afternoons with you!” (Sylvies Mum)

“Can’t recommend this highly enough. My 12 yr old is loving it and being taught skills that will guide her through the tumultuous teen years and beyond.” (Jo)

We have created a fun creative heart space to welcome beYOUtiful young women to expand, explore and experience peace, mindfulness, patience, awareness, intuition, creativity and their authentic self.

Course Details

2 day holiday programme

16th & 17th April
Point Chevalier School
Te Ra Road, Point Chevalier

8 Week Course

Starts Monday 7th May - 2nd July
4.30 – 6.30 pm
Point Chevalier School
Te Ra Road, Point Chevalier

Investment \$160 - Contact for registration:

Jacqui@heartplace.co.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/beyoutifulyoungwomen>

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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