

30 March 2018

### Important Dates

#### 31 May

Year 8 Boys Football

#### 4 June

QUEENS BIRTHDAY  
No School

#### 5 June

Year 8 Workshops at  
Western Springs  
College

#### 6 June

Modular Conferences

#### 8 June

40 Hour Famine  
Weekend

#### 12 June

OPEN MORNING  
**Ponsonby**  
**SHOWTIME – 7pm**

#### 13 June

OPEN MORNING  
**Ponsonby**  
**SHOWTIME – 7pm**

#### 14 June

ICAS Exam – Writing

#### 18 June

Central Zone Boys  
Hockey

#### 19 June

Central Zone Girls  
Hockey  
BOT Meeting – 6pm

#### 20 June

Paid Union Meetings.  
*No Formal classes*  
*P.5&6*

## Principal's Message

Talofa Lava, by now you will have realized that we have many different themes embedded into the Ponsonby Experience/Curriculum. The recent Bully Free Week and Pink Shirt day is one example. Last week, we focussed on **Careers Education**. There were many guest speakers and activities throughout the week; I also discussed how hobbies, passions and part-time jobs could influence our Careers.

We had 18 superbly talented acts on stage for the annual **"Ponsonby's Got Talent"** show on Thursday. A true example of how careers can start here (at intermediate) was when the band, The Daffodils, returned and performed at the talent quest for us. The Daffodils, led by Theo Salmon, are ex-students who have experienced great success at the National Rockquest Finals in 2016 and 2017 and have their music available on Spotify and iTunes. We believe their careers are about to launch and our talented students may now be on the same path too! I'd also like to acknowledge the students who attended the auditions and 'gave it a crack' - well done on getting involved in the Ponsonby Experience. We must also recognize the time and effort put into the show by Paul Curtis, Chrissie Cullen and Katie Muller – such dedicated teachers!

Thank you for the positive feedback we received from you about the Talent Quest, and if you didn't make it, don't think you have missed out. We have two evening shows coming – **Ponsonby Showtime!** This event was designed by Katie and Chrissie when, in January, we heard J Rock had been cancelled. Showtime will not just include Talent Quest contestants. The Cheerleaders, School Rock Bands, dance groups and Choir will also be entertaining us. Further information will come home this week regarding Ponsonby Showtime. It is going to be an awesome show.

It is important to note this week we are also participating in **Samoan Language Week** and the Cultural Leaders have organized events every lunchtime for students to participate in.

Yes, it is definitely busy days here at Ponsonby but you can be assured the academic curriculum continues to pump as well.

Please see later in the newsletter the format we will be using to provide the formal written reports. These reports go home on the last day of Term 2 – 6 July.

Regards,

**Nick Wilson**  
**Principal**

## Student Reports

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On the last day of Term 2 students will bring home their mid-year reports. Reports include an achievement grade and a work ethic grade for each curriculum area. Please note that the achievement grade is an Overall Teacher Judgement (OTJ) based on student work samples, assessment data and teacher observation. An OTJ is not based on a single “test”. In Term 3 the reporting process continues with Student Led Conferences and in Term 4 students receive an end of year written report.

## Bully Free Week – Pink Shirt Day

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Over 200 students watched the movie WONDER in the Hall during lunchtimes.



# Student Led Conferences

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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 listed below.

**Please include your child's room number.**

## **Modular Conferences**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code: v78df)

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

Thanks,

Cobey Sweetman

[cobeys@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:cobeys@ponsint.school.nz)

## **Module Teachers:**

### **Design and Textiles: Cobey Sweetman**

Teaching Rooms 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

### **Art: Kelly Richardson**

Teaching Rooms 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

### **Performing Arts: Christine Cullen**

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

### **Music: Paul Curtis**

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

### **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: 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

**Science: Margaret Marsick**

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

**Science: Jess Phillips**

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

**Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson**

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

**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

## Mathathon

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Every two years, Ponsonby Intermediate School holds a school wide Mathathon to raise students' basic facts ability. This intensive focus on students' individual basic facts levels has seen great results in the past.

This event has also been a very successful fundraiser in the past and has raised money to provide our students with a wide range of Mathematical resources to use in the Mathematics classes.

Over the course of the next three weeks your child will be bringing home basic facts lists to practice. At the end of Week 8, the students will complete the big Mathathon test. We hope for significant growth in all students' basic facts abilities.

The funds raised by this intensive Mathathon will go towards further technology support in classrooms and more resources sets to assist our programme.

Your child will bring home a booklet next week where they can collect sponsors for their basic facts achievements. Sponsors can donate a set total amount or a certain amount per equation correct.

The 2018 Mathathon is a fun way for students to continue the valuable routine of learning their basic facts words for the year. All students and individual classes have the chance to win prizes during this fundraiser. There will be a range of prizes up for grabs including Apple products, book vouchers, iTunes vouchers and whole class prizes. Prizes will be drawn for greatest basic facts improvements and total fundraising successes.

The Ponsonby Intermediate Mathematics team thank you for your support.



## One Can Two Can

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Next week the councillors will start their annual can collection for the Auckland City Mission as part of the “One Can, Two Can” appeal. We will be running a class competition for a month, where each class works to collect as many cans as possible. This has always been a hugely successful councillors’ campaign and we have been proud to hand over thousands of cans in past years. The councillor goal for this year is 1200 cans. We know we can do it, Ponsonby! We are looking for cans of spaghetti, baked beans, fruit, vegetables, meat, creamed rice and soup to help make up food parcels for fellow Aucklanders in need. The Councillors thank you for your support this year.

## Kids’ Lit Quiz

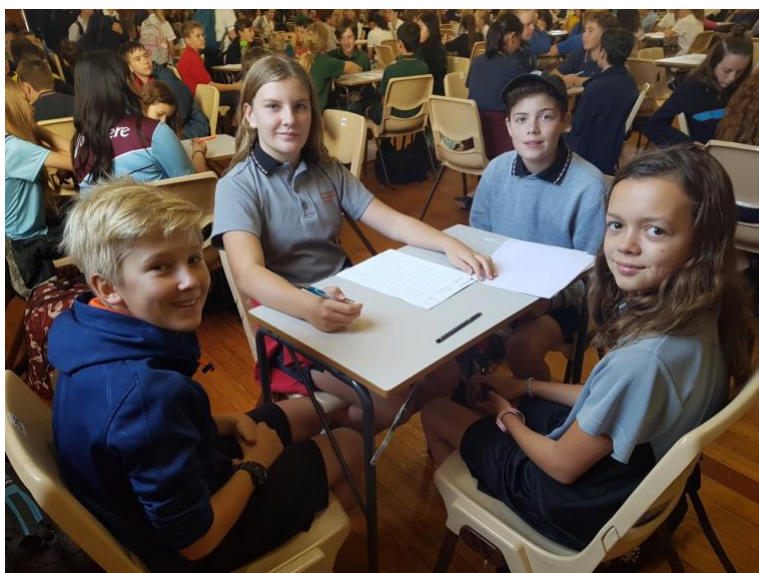
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This year’s Kids’ Lit Quiz took place on Monday 14 May at St Cuthbert’s College. We attended the larger morning heat which consisted of 60 Auckland intermediate teams competing. Ponsonby fielded two teams of enthusiastic bibliophiles. We were thrilled to improve on both our performances from last year with Team 2 reaching 14th place. At the end of the quiz rounds, Team 1 were second equal with Blockhouse Bay Intermediate. They had to endure a sudden death question round and we ended up in third place. We relished being among fellow bookworms, thrived on the competition and learned so much. Thanks to those parents who attended and provided transport.

Mrs Dunn



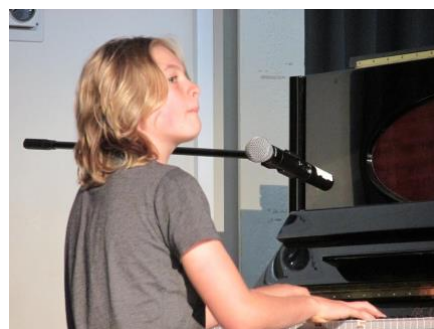
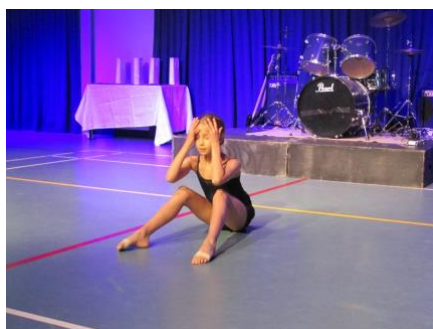
Team 1: Captain: Max Eaton R13, Zephyr Bird R23, Vita Thomas R18, Arina Chaptynova R18



Team 2: Captain: Theo Gorman R15, Max Blackmore R15, Harriet Gowing R13, Indigo Upton R23

## Talent Quest Results

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Last Thursday 18 finalists performed at our councillors' Talent Quest to the whole school and to a number of parents. The calibre of talent was extraordinarily high with a variety of acts ranging from rock bands, dancers, solo singers and even a shadow play. Judges had a very difficult job deciding on the final winners. Congratulations to the following acts.

First place: Sylvie Adamson

Second place: Ava Tiffin - Lang

Third place: Hugo Heyward

Highly commended: Socially Awkward and Minsoo Jung

Crowd Favourite: Joshua Kau

## Rugby Under 55kg

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The boys had a fantastic day at the Central Zone under 55kg day with 6 teams competing. All three round robin games were tough but the boys showed real grit and determination to play hard throughout the games.



The boys just lost the first game against Kowhai by 2 points but fought back with a solid win against Pasadena. The final game against Remuera was going to be hard but thanks to two quick breakaway tries the boys managed to hold on for a comfortable win and seal a spot in the semi-final.

The semi-final was a going to be a tricky one against Royal Oak but once again the hard defense and great calm under pressure ensured a strong win and a place in the final.

St Peters were going to be hard to beat and many of the boys were looking pretty exhausted after some tough games and hard work in all the previous games.

However, thanks to the Ponsonby spirit the boys never gave up throughout the game, keeping their heads high.

Unfortunately they couldn't manage a try to level the score and narrowly lost the final in the last minute.

The boys surprised themselves through out the day and finished a very well deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

A big thank-you to the coach Shane Webby for providing the boys with some solid skills and game plan.



## Futsal Girls

On 10 May Ponsonby Year 7 A,B and Year 8 A,B teams competed at the Futsal tournament, a five-a-side version of football played indoors on a hard court. Our players exhibited some slick foot skills passing between team mates and were fast on attack to set up and score goals. Everyone had loads of fun and supported each other's teams. Game results overall were rewarding with Year 7A Winners and Year 7B 3rd place. Year 8 teams competed strongly in their pool round games. Thanks to our loyal parent supporters on the day - Fiona Miles (Y7B), Kelly Parker (Y8A), Sue Graves (Y8B), Deva Parker, Phillip Dunn and teacher Ms Murray (Y7A).





# School Library

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**The School Library is now up and running. Thank you for everybody's patience. Students applied to be School Librarians and the successful applicants are listed below:**

Shukthika - 15, Amy - 16, Max - 13, Edward - 23, Tobin - 1, Tristan -13, Zephyr - 23, Anouk - 3, Jasmine - 3, Ethan - 17, Aurelia - 3, Sophia - 23, Louella - 6, Thomas - 26, Logan -13, Jack - 26, Zach - 8, Lachlan - 13, Vita - 18, Ian Li -22, Nathan - 28 and Nicholas - 28.

**I look forward to keeping the school community and their families abreast of all our latest books with a regular segment in the Newsletter.**

**Mrs Marsick**

## Camps 2018 (Repeat Notice)

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School camp takes place in **Term 4 week 1, 16<sup>th</sup>October to 19<sup>th</sup>October.**

All students will attend camp during these dates at 7 different locations.

The Camp fee this year is set at \$250.00. This fee is not due until September 21<sup>st</sup> but we are letting you know now if you would like to pay in instalments leading up to the due date. Please follow the link below for online payments;

<http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/pay-online.html>

All information regarding the camp location, gear list, medical forms, parent help information etc. will be sent home in Week 9 of Term 2 (this date has changed from previous newsletters). At this stage we are just informing you of when and where camp is this year and what the fee is.

We have a parent Camp information meeting on the **28<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm**. We encourage all parents to attend this meeting, particularly if you would like to volunteer to help on camp.

<b>Year 7 Camps</b>	<b>Year 8 Camps</b>
<b><u>Piha Mill</u></b> Kim Edwards Rm 30 Alison Tripp Rm 3	<b><u>Camp Bentzon</u></b> Margaret Marsick Rm 15 Sarah Howie Rm 9 Brad Mertens Rm 26 Tricia Orr
<b><u>Peter Snell</u></b> Michelle Murray Rm 17 Chrissie Cullen Rm 6	<b><u>Carey Park</u></b>

Katie Muller Rm 11 Stephanie Elliott  <b><u>Hunua Falls Camp</u></b> Angela Lane Rm 22 Penelope Dunn Rm 23 Gavin Chester Rm 1  <b><u>Willow Park</u></b> Paul Curtis Georgina Thomas Rm 21 Cobey Sweetman Rm 20	Jody Hart Rm 16 Jo McCullagh Rm 25 Paul Rishworth Rm 8 Angela Langton Rm 12 Cherie Bolesworth Rm 26  <b><u>Marsden Bay</u></b> Katherine Busch Rm 28 Kelly Richardson Rm 18 Jess Phillips Rm 13 Andy Wilson Rachel Maitland - Smith
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## Basketball Term 3 and 4

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Basketball trials are coming up this term in the next couple of weeks. Your child will be receiving a letter that outlines the commitment involved with trialling for a Ponsonby team and some information around fees and start dates for the season.

Please carefully read the information before signing the permission slip and returning to Mr. Mertens. Students can not trial unless they have returned the form by the return date. The trial dates and times will be in the daily notices.

Any questions, please contact Mr. Mertens [bradm@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:bradm@ponsint.school.nz).

## Mountain Biking Competition

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A big congratulations to Sam Edwards who competed in the Under 13 boys section, finishing 6th overall. A very solid effort as the conditions were very challenging given the weather and the track churned up badly by the older riders racing in front of the under 13's. It was 15km in total and a great accomplishment.

Next race is June 17 at Woodhill if there is anyone else interested in competing for Ponsonby Intermediate. Please contact Mr. Bennie who can pass on your interest to the necessary people.





Dear Parents,

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

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On Wednesday 20 June at 12:30pm, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means the normal afternoon programmes (Periods 5 & 6) on **Wednesday 20 June 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.

From NZEI

## Head Lice, Nits and Scabies

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There has recently been a case of head lice identified within the school and we wanted to make sure you were informed. While head lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far.

It is not possible to completely prevent head lice because they're very common and breed prolifically, however we appreciate your support in trying to keep any outbreak to a minimum.

Scabies is a skin infection which is passed easily between family members and friends. These appear as small bites surrounded by red patches and are followed by an itchy rash. Scabies



can be spread by skin contact and by sharing clothing and bedding. Please see a pharmacist or medical professional if you think that your child/ren have Scabies.

## Lost Property

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Once again there is a lot of Lost Property in the school. Please ensure everything (especially items of value) your child brings to school has their name and room number on it. If you are missing something please have a look in the Lost Property, located in the hall foyer.



Ponsonby  
Intermediate  
School



### Ponsonby Intermediate School

#### Term 2

**Tuesday 15th May - Open Morning**

9:15am – 12:00pm for Year 6 students and parents/ caregivers. Students will be invited to come to Ponsonby Intermediate School at 9:15am from their school with their parents/ caregivers. This is a chance to see the school in action.

**Tuesday 12th June - Open Morning**

**Wednesday 13th June - Open Morning**

#### Term 3

**Tuesday 31st July - Open Morning**

**Wednesday 15th August - Open Evening**

The school will be open for viewing with programmes operating from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. A meeting with parents and teachers will take place in the hall at 6:45pm to answer any queries and to take enrolments.

**Tuesday 21st August - Final Open Morning**

For more information: [www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz](http://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz)

## Bits and Pieces

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### Adventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camps

These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps.

Tramping, rock climbing, possum trapping, team building challenges, hot pools and much more

Adventure Outdoors Camp, Mt Pirongia, July 9-13th

Adventure Winter Camp, Aongatete lodge, July 16-20th

- 8-14 yr olds

- OSCAR available

Book at [www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz) or email [mark@edventure.co.nz](mailto:mark@edventure.co.nz)

Thursday May 31st 7:30pm-9pm, 300 Great South Rd, Greenlane. Doors open 7:00pm, Supper provided. Tickets \$20pp. Tickets can be purchased at: [www.parentingplace.com](http://www.parentingplace.com)

Are you concerned about a teen or pre-teen in your life? When working with Teens you're bound to hit a bit of turbulence. They're attracted to risk. They're distracted from school. They're prone to latching onto digital platforms exposing them to risks such as cyber bullying, porn and gaming addiction. Come along to Adrienne Wood's event [Teen Turbulence](#) and find out how to shield your adolescent from harm. See the [Teen Turbulence event page](#) or Facebook [Teen Turbulence Central](#) for more information. **Adrienne Wood**, 021 061 6154

[www.heartsync.co.nz](http://www.heartsync.co.nz)

For young women 11-14 yers. A fun creative heart space to welcome young women to expand, explore and experience peace, mindfulness and patience. Two day holiday programme 9th and 10th July. Point Chevalier School, Te Ra Road Pt Chevalier.  
Jacqui O'Connor 021 0733 072/[www.heartplce.co.nz](http://www.heartplce.co.nz)

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**Where: Ponsonby Intermediate Food-tech Room**

**Dates: 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**11am- 2pm**

**\$50 per session**

**10 years+**

**Max 20 students per session and Minimum being 7 (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 4th July.  
For more information please contact Jody Hart [jodyh@ponsint.school.nz](mailto: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.**



# Ponsonby Learning Pathway

## Our Vision

New Zealand Curriculum

Articulate,  
energised achievers;  
ready for the future

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