

Important Dates

13 June

OPEN MORNING
Ponsonby SHOWTIME
7.00pm

14 June

ICAS Exam – Writing

18 June

Central Zone Boys
Hockey

19 June

Central Zone Girls
Hockey

20 June

Paid Union Meetings
No Formal classes
P.5&6

21 June

Central Zone Table
Tennis

26 June

BOT Meeting – 6pm

28 June

School Social 6:30pm –
9:00pm

3 July

Western Springs
College, Performing Arts
Roadshow

6 July

Mathathon Prize-giving

Vietnam Trip Sausage
Sizzle

Showcase P.5&6

School Reports out and
Last Day of Term 2

Principal's Message

This week has seen the Ponsonby SHOWTIME evening concerts take place. It is a time to focus and celebrate the visual and physical (Performing Arts and Music) arts, something that is a real strength of the whole Ponsonby/Grey Lynn community. The calibre of talent here at Ponsonby is stunning. It can be hard to believe these performers, songwriters, entertainers and dancers are only 11-12 years old. Often these students will also be involved in the upcoming Roadshows to our local primary schools.

Many of our students are in the middle of their Science Fair investigations. I'd like to acknowledge these students as it is an enormous task (and stressful for families), however, I still remember my own Science Fair investigation at intermediate school with much pride and a sense of achievement.

As we approach the end of Term 2 and the middle of the year it is important to note that Student Reports will be coming home on the last day of term. For our Year 8 students it is their third Ponsonby Intermediate School report; they have been working hard to make sure this report portrays them in the very best light. Secondary school is not too far away!

The Year 7 students have been enjoying their "Ponsonby Experience" for almost two terms. I'm proud and confident of our primary school transitioning process. All Year 7 classes have been set up for success and making the most of the opportunities and experiences on offer here.

Regards,

Nick Wilson
Principal

Vietnam Social

The Vietnam cultural experience students are hosting a student social on Thursday 28th June (Week 9). The theme is 'Back in Time'. So why not get a bunch of friends and get your groove on, dressed in your favourite style prior to 2018! Prizes will be awarded throughout the night.



Auckland Writers' Festival

Last month, 31 Ponsonby students had the opportunity to attend the Auckland Writers' Festival in Aotea Centre for the day.

It was a day filled with inspiring authors, screenwriters, poets and illustrators with many tips on becoming a great writer. A.S King told interesting stories of her childhood in the country and how it reflected in her writing. Chris Riddell showed his incredible drawing talent and made students laugh with his funny stories of wine gums and sprayed edges. Stacey Gregg shared her travels around the world and explained how her stories were based on real events. Last of all, Rewa Worley performed some of his insightful poetry with the audience.

A few lucky students attended writing workshops by Victor Rodger, Stacy Gregg, Joanna Grochowicz and James Russell. Ponsonby students look forward to visiting the Writers' Festival again, and to furthering their writing skills after meeting these amazing authors.



Sweetman's Shoemakers

For the last 7 weeks, 6 lucky Ponsonby students have been embarking on a shoe making journey. They have been learning the shoemaking process through making a pair of their own custom designed, custom fitted and original sandals.

The students have had to make their own shoe patterns, cut their insole boards, adhere the rand, and cut the leather.

In the coming weeks they will cut their own insole foam, fit their leather pattern pieces to their insole boards and select the soling they want to finish their sandals.

By the end of this term, 6 Ponsonby students will be walking away in their very own, custom made pair of shoes. Made by them, for them.



40 Hour Famine

Student, Will Kuegler from Room 22, roughing it outdoors with his brothers in cardboard sleeping boxes for 40 hours.



Mathathon

The students have been busy learning their basic facts for this year's Mathathon. The big test is coming up at the end of next week! Along with students who answer the most equations correctly, and the students that make the most improvement, all students that raise at least \$20 will also go into the draw for prizes. It has been great to see the students challenging themselves to get faster and more confident in their basic facts.

As the students begin to collect in their sponsorship money after the big test, there will be two options to bring in the money.

1. Money can be put into the school account online. Students can then return their sponsorship forms to Mathematics teachers with the total amount recorded and online payment noted.

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Reference: Name, Room number, Mathathon

2. Bring in the money with the filled out sponsorship form to Mathematics teachers before school

The Mathematics team is looking forward to using this fundraiser to further support our strong numeracy programmes within Mathematics and across the school.

Library

The Library has had an adjustment. The Fiction shelves are now catalogued in 'Genre' format, i.e. *Fantasy, Animals, Science Fiction, Adventure and Mystery*. The books are alphabetised in order within their separate categories. This system puts it more in line with book shops and online stores. Hopefully it will be easier for our students to borrow a book from a genre that they love. I will be sorting the Non-Fiction section later this year, it will remain under the Dewey Decimal System but the books will be updated to suit 'modern times'.

An aside - students who have overdue books please return those books to the Library asap.

Thank you.

Mrs Marsick

Basketball Term 3 and 4

Basketball trials are underway and continuing during lunchtimes. Your child would have received a letter that outlines the commitment involved with trialing for a Ponsonby team and some information around fees and start dates for the season.

Teams will be announced in the coming weeks and a Parent and Player meeting will take place before the end of term. This meeting is for parents and caregivers who would like to coach or manage a team.

Any questions, please contact Mr. Mertens bradm@ponsint.school.nz.

Camps 2018 (Repeat Notice)

School camp takes place in **Term 4 Week 1, 16thOctober to 19thOctober.**

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 21st 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 **28th August at 6pm**. We encourage all parents to attend this meeting, particularly if you would like to volunteer to help on camp.

Year 7 Camps	Year 8 Camps
<p><u>Piha Mill</u> Kim Edwards Rm 30 Alison Tripp Rm 3</p>	<p><u>Camp Bentzon</u> Margaret Marsick Rm 15 Sarah Howie Rm 9 Brad Mertens Rm 26 Tricia Orr</p>
<p><u>Peter Snell</u> Michelle Murray Rm 17 Chrissie Cullen Rm 6 Katie Muller Rm 11 Stephanie Elliott</p>	<p><u>Carey Park</u> Jody Hart Rm 16 Jo McCullagh Rm 25 Paul Rishworth Rm 8 Angela Langton Rm 12 Cherie Bolesworth</p>
<p><u>Hunua Falls Camp</u> Angela Lane Rm 22 Penelope Dunn Rm 23 Gavin Chester Rm 1</p>	<p><u>Marsden Bay</u> Katherine Busch Rm 28 Kelly Richardson Rm 18 Jess Phillips Rm 13 Andy Wilson Rachel Maitland - Smith</p>
<p><u>Willow Park</u> Paul Curtis Georgina Thomas Rm 21 Cobey Sweetman Rm 20</p>	

Bits and Pieces

A Japanese school family are looking for a rental close to Ponsonby Intermediate School. They need a space large enough for their piano. Please email: naokkof@yahoo.co.jp

Edventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camps

These July school holidays we are running two awesome camps.

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

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

Edventure Winter Camp, Aongatete lodge, July 16-20th for 8-14 yr olds

- OSCAR available

- Pick up/drop off AKL, BOP, Waikato

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KIDS YOGA

Yoga Ground, Grey Lynn

Classes start 2nd week of term, drop-ins welcome.
For more info & booking visit www.yogaground.co.nz

5 - 10 years

11 - 16 years

MONDAYS

TUESDAYS

3.30 - 4.15pm

4.00 - 5.00pm



YOGA GROUND



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

Kids Cooking Holiday Classes 2018



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: 9th 10th 11th 22th 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**

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

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