

Important Dates

31 July

OPEN MORNING
BOT Meeting -6pm
ICAS English Exam

3 August

Boys Netball Zone Day

6 – 10 August

Culture Week and
Roadshow Week

7 August

Basketball Girls Zone Day

8 August

Basketball Boys Zone Day

9 August

Vietnam Trip Sausage
Sizzle

10 August

Netball Girls Zone Day

13 August

Science Fair Projects in
Library

14 August

ICAS Maths Exam

15 August

**NZEI STRIKE – NO
SCHOOL - CLOSED FOR
INSTRUCTION**

16 August

OPEN EVENING – 6pm

17 August

School Speeches from
9:45am
School Cross Country
from 1:40pm

Principal's Message

Students are in the process of delivering their 3 minute speeches.

The 3 minute speech is possibly one of the only aspects of the school curriculum that remains unchanged from the days when we (parents/cargivers) attended school. And... I bet you still remember that speech you delivered as a 12 year old. Perhaps there is a reason why you remember it?

A year or so ago I completed some research into what students perceived as their best piece of writing and the piece they were most proud of. Overwhelmingly, the results were their speeches. They were writing on a topic they were interested in and passionate about. The fact they were to perform it in front of their peers meant they invested more time and dedication into reworking and perfecting the speech than any other writing samples.

Now, I also have a theory on why we remember our speeches for a long time. Below is a basic graphic showing the percentage of memory retention and retrieval from different learning strategies.



3 minute speeches are valuable and also daunting, let us support our children in this up-coming learning challenge and be proud of them.

Strike Action – Impact on Ponsonby Intermediate

Open Evening is now - Thursday 16 August -6pm

Science Fair Evening - Thursday 16 August – From 4pm

Cross Country – Friday 17 August – starting from 1:40pm

Please help us in getting this information out to as many of our Ponsonby whanau as possible, thank you.

Strike Action – School Closed for Instruction

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Board of Trustees can't provide teaching for students during the upcoming strike

The NZEI has advised the Ponsonby Intermediate Board of Trustees that the teachers at our school will be taking strike action for a full day on **Wednesday 15 August 2018**.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

If this is difficult we can still supervise a small number of students if required. Please contact the office to indicate if your child/children will need this.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your understanding



The primary teachers' and principals' union has decided on a full day strike on Wednesday 15 August. The school will be closed that day.

The result is in response to member feedback that many wanted to strike for a full day to send a stronger message to the Government about the need for time to teach, time to lead, and turning around the teacher shortage that is at crisis levels.

Members felt the Government's previous offer did not address workload issues, extra learning support or ways to stem the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Strikes are legal under the Employment Relations Act. If our school were legally closed during a strike, we do not have to make up the time at the end of the year. Under Section 65A of the Education Act 1989 when a school is closed for instruction for any day because of strike action, the school is deemed to be open in terms of counting days.

As with our Pay Equity campaign for school support staff, ECE and Ministry of Education Support Workers, it's essential that the wider community understands the reasons for industrial action and supports what we are trying to achieve for our students and quality public education.

Parent and whānau support is necessary to give the Government the mandate and courage to take the bold steps that are needed.

Primary school members are discussing how to talk with families on our day of community engagement this Friday 3 August. Support from the wider membership means a lot to primary members.

The key thing we want to communicate is *why* we need to take this action. It's about kids' futures. It's about attracting and retaining teachers, having more time to teach and having truly inclusive schools where all children can learn and thrive.

That's why we do what we do and that's why we're taking a stand - for our students.

Roadshow and Culture Week

During next week the normal timetable will stop and all students will be rotating around 10 different cultural based activities. The week is based around two of our school goals – Expressing Ourselves and Making Connections. The timetable for the week includes presentations in assemblies and also caters for the students taking part in the school Roadshow.

Science Fair

The annual Science Fair is nearly at its completion. Students have been working extremely hard to get their projects completed. The due date is Monday the 13 August. Miss Phillips and Mrs Marsick are really looking forward to seeing the end product. We will notify you when the Open Evening Exhibition will be open for viewing. Please note if you require a project board they are in Room 15 to be picked up.

Cross Country

Date: Friday 17th August Week 4
(Wednesday 22nd save day)

Start: Assemble at 1.25pm on the basketball court in house groups.

Event Times:	Year 7 Girls	-	1.30pm
	Year 7 Boys	-	1.45pm
	Year 8 Girls	-	2.00pm
	Year 8 Boys	-	2.15pm

Distance: All races are 3000m (approx)

Parents/caregivers are more than welcome to come along and show their support. There is a designated area for all spectators which is situated along the road wall on Clarence Street. This provides a great view of the runners when they start and finish the race.

All runners must wear covered shoes and run in their sports uniform.

If your child is unable to run the Cross Country due to injury, please let the form teacher know. We also ask that students who are asthmatic, must run with their inhalers.

Cross Country Map is at the end of this newsletter – time to get training!

Mr. Bennie

Camps 2018: 16th – 19th October

Last term, your child would have brought home all the information you need to know about camp this year in Week 1 Term 4. Camp fees are \$270 and are due by Friday 21st September.

Our **Parent Camp Meeting** is taking place in Week 3, **Tuesday 7th August at 6pm** in the school hall. We encourage all parents who would like to help out with camp to attend this meeting.

We also ask that you fill out the medical form as accurately as possible and be clear with any extra medical information you would like to provide us.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding camp please contact your child's form teacher.

Mathathon

Congratulations to everyone who has made a massive improvement in their basic facts knowledge and speed of recall this term during our Mathathon. You should all be very proud of yourselves. This year we raised just over \$13,300, which is amazing. This money will go towards resources for the Mathematics classrooms. We will be looking to buy more devices, books and resources that the students would like to see in the rooms.

Thank you to everyone for your hard work, your basic facts improvement will help you immensely in your Maths this year.

Eco Warriors SPCA Cupcake Day

On Monday 6th August the Eco-Warriors will be holding a fundraiser for the SPCA, selling cupcakes at lunchtime. Gold coin donations for cupcakes and games will help us support this charity.

Sports Update

'Kicking for Charity' with All Black Legend, Dan Carter



Ponsonby Intermediate students were excited to meet ex All Black Dan Carter at the 'Kicking for Charity' event held last term at St Paul's College on Friday 6 July.

Sponsored by TAG Heuer, Dan Carter mingled with students from both schools, throwing rugby balls around with them to warm up before targeting passes through a giant TAG Heuer watch, raising \$10,000 for his iSport Foundation. The iSport Foundation is supported by Dan Carter along with fellow ex All Blacks Richie McCaw and Ali Williams. Their aim is 'to inspire young sporting stars to succeed and be the best they can be in their chosen sports, no matter their circumstances'. iSport Foundation provides a platform for Youth aged 12-18 years to obtain funding to support their essential sporting needs.

Check out iSport website for photos, videos and more information on <https://isport.org.nz/>
A highlight for our students was to chat with Dan while he signed their caps and shirts, provided by sponsors Tag Heuer. Thanks to Ms Murray for organising Ponsonby Intermediate students to attend this event - Max Reichelmann, Louis Parker-Campbell, Zania Neenee-Ikitomai, Liam Webby, Christina Maea-Brown, Charlie Aubrey, Tommy Taylor, Thomas Buckley and Douglas Allen. Parent support was appreciated from Anna Riechelmann and Aaron Taylor.

Term 3 Sport

This term promises to be a busy time for Year 7 and 8 students involved in Ponsonby Intermediate sports teams. Central Zone Tournaments coming up are Boys' Netball, Girls' Netball, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Squash (tbc), Cross Country, Gymnastics and Volleyball. Many students are also competing in their weekly sports competitions following on from Term 2 - Netball, Hockey and Water Polo. Good luck to all our teams in their sports pursuits. Thanks to our team coaches, managers and the vast numbers of enthusiastic parent supporters.

PE - Squash

Squash Auckland are currently at Ponsonby Intermediate delivering their micro-court programme for our Year 7 and Year 8 PE classes. Students are fast catching on to the basic skills of squash by actively participating in fun games, playing rallies and team competitions. Our students will also have the exclusive opportunity to learn more about playing squash at the local Herne Bay Ponsonby Rackets Club 'Have-A-Go' Day on Tuesday 14 & 21 August.



Squash registration form at the end of the newsletter.

Basketball Term 3 and 4 – Information for Parents

ABSL UNITEC Basketball Boys Competition Term 3 2018

The ABSL UNITEC Basketball Competition commences this week on Tuesday the 31st of July 2018 at the UNITEC Recreation Centre. Goodluck to the Pistons, Pacers, Pelicans, Pythons, Patriots, Piranhas and Power on their Round 1 games.

*Can all parent/guardians do their best to register players to their team using the team code given for each team in the letter home last Friday. This can also be completed at the game using ipads provided. Moreover, fees are due at your earliest convenience. Lastly, please can any parent/guardians who have the time to offer their help filling coaching and management roles within these teams contact the school ASAP. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Harbour Basketball Year 7-8 Girls Competition Term 3 2018

The Harbour Basketball Year 7-8 Competition commencing next week, week 3, on Monday the 6th of August 2018 at the North Shore Event Centre and AUT. Goodluck to the Panthers on their Round 1 game. More information will be going out in a letter to the girls this week.

*Can all parent/guardians do their best to pay fees before the competition commences. Also, please can any parent/guardians who have the time to offer their help filling coaching and management roles within these teams contact the school ASAP. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Library

The Library is up and running for Term 3. We have had a big cull of the non-fiction books and we will be replacing them with some wonderful new books. There are a number of new fiction books also. We will be endeavouring to keep the Library fresh and up to date with the latest releases.

Thanks, Mrs Marsick

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:

Wednesday 22nd August – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE1 Code: **qqs8v**)

Tuesday 28th August – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE2 Code: **45haa**)

Modular Conferences

Wednesday 29th August 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code: **5jz2d**)

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:

Stephanie Elliott: Teaching Rooms 11, 15

Paul Rishworth: 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

Sarah Valintine: 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 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Art: Kelly Richardson

Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 12, 15, 21

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

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

Music: Paul Curtis

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

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: 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

Science: Margaret Marsick

Teaching Rooms: 6, 13, 16, 23, 26

Science: Jess Phillips

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

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

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

Social Sciences: Jo McCullagh

Teaching Rooms: 6, 9, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28

Learning Languages: Tricia Orr

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 23, 30

Run Club

Run club has started and is on every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during Kori time. Year 8 students meet at 8:40 and Year 7 students meet at 8:55 outside room 28.

All students are welcome and are encouraged to bring along appropriate footwear. It is a perfect opportunity to get ready for cross country which is coming up, as well as work on aerobic fitness.

Mr Bennie

City Mission – One Can, 2 Can appeal

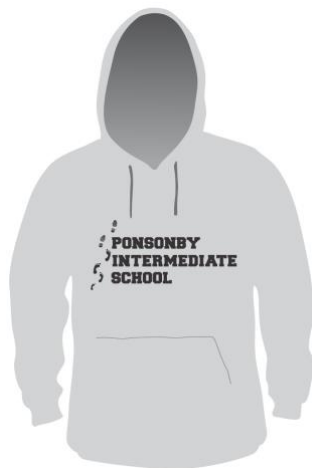
Congratulations, Ponsonby, for your continued and valued support of the City Mission again this year.



Ponsonby Intermediate School Jersey

We now have a jersey available to students. You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) using the link below. Ordering for this garment will close again on August 3rd.

Your child also has the option of having their name on the back. Guidelines for the name are outlined on the website. Please read these carefully before placing an order. If you need to try on sample sizes, these are available at the office to try on before and after school. This top is not compulsory for all student to have, it is a choice and not a required part of the school uniform. However, it is ideal for the winter months and it will allow our students to be easily identifiable on sports/extra curricular trips and around the Ponsonby community.
<http://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/catalogue/school/ponsonby-intermediate/>



Online Payments

Please use the link below to pay a bill or account online:

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

Ponsonby Intermediate School Cross Country Map 2018



VIETNAM CULTURAL EXPERIENCE BRING YOU

WINTER WARMERS

**BRRRR
GET YOURSELF A
HOT DRINK**

LEMON HONEY
HOT CHOCOLATE



\$3



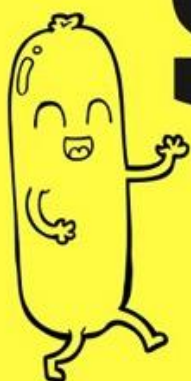
**PURCHASE
FROM ROOM 16**

8:00AM - 8:20AM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS



VIETNAM SAUSAGE SIZZLE



#2



WEEK 3

Thursday
9th August
12:30pm - 1:15pm

SAUSAGES \$2

CHIPS 2 FOR \$1

DRINKS \$2





TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.

FREE SQUASH HAVE-A-GO

Tuesday 14th & 21st August 3.45pm – 4.45pm

Venue: Herne Bay Ponsonby Rackets Club

10 West End Road, Herne Bay, Auckland 1022

Come along and enjoy a free game at your local club

ALL WELCOME – SPORTS SHOES REQUIRED – RACQUETS AND BALLS PROVIDED



Club Contact Details

Phone: 09 376 0681

Email: jarrod@doubledotsquash.com

Web: www.hernebayrackets.co.nz

REGISTRATION FORM – SQUASH HAVE-A-GO

Herne Bay Ponsonby Rackets Club – Tuesday 14th & 21st August 3.45pm – 4.45pm

Name: _____

Age: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

(Please tick)

Tue 14th Aug

Tue 21st Aug



Sneak-Peak into the changes at Western Springs College

Wednesday 8 August at 7:00 pm in School Library (circled on the photo)



Big changes are happening at Western Springs College/Ngā Puna o Waiōrea (WSC/NPoW) – new state-of-the-art buildings and a new way of teaching. Here is your chance to find out what the new school will look like and what it means for the way that students are taught.

Agenda

Future of education in New Zealand
Design – what the new school will look like
Acoustics in the new buildings
Innovative Teaching and Learning Practices

Ministry of Education
Jasmax Architects
Marshall Day
Mark Osbourne (Leading Learning)
Ivan Davis (Principal WSC)

Everyone is welcome, so let others know.
See you there

Hi Ponsonby Intermediate School

Every year our company Ray White Damerell Group Ltd puts together an amazing event we call the Cox's Bay Cleanup, the aim of this event is to clear the coastline of any rubbish in order to keep our oceans free of everyday waste and plastic. Last year we brought in over 150 volunteers who helped us collect over a tonne of rubbish in under 2 hours.

We rely heavily on the help of the community to pull this off and the past few years have involved the local nearby schools and their families. This year we want to extend that invitation even further by inviting down your school to participate. We have found that this is an amazing exercise to teach children the importance of looking after the environment, and they have enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We would like to offer the Auckland Sea Cleaners to speak to the children in a school assembly about the event and about the importance of doing your bit for the environment and the community you live in.

This years Cox's Bay Cleanup details are as follows:

Date: Sunday November 18th 2018

Location: Cox's Bay Car Park (off West End Road, Westmere)

Time: 9am-12pm

You will need:

- Friends and Family
- Gloves
- Old Clothes
- Gumboots or Sturdy Footwear

I have attached a video of last years event so you have an general idea of how the day runs, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjkZ0zNrJB0>

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch or call me on 09 930 7143.

Kind Regards,

Greer Morris-Clarke

Pukekohe Raceway KIDS OBSTACLE DUATHLON

Tuesday 25th September, 2018

- **Duathlon - Run, Bike & Obstacle Course Run**
- **Compete individually or in 2-person team**

BIRKENHEAD COLLEGE ENROLLING FOR 2019

Open Evening Wednesday 15 August.

Enrolment 20-23 August 3:30 - 6:30pm

No appointment necessary. Please bring your child, a copy of recent school reports and Birth Certificate or passport.

Phone: 09 483 9039 x 832, email: office@birkenhead.school.nz, website: www.birkenhead.school.nz

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