

## Important Dates

### 29 August

Modular Conferences  
3:30pm – 8pm

### 30 August

Central Zone Speech  
Competition

### 31 August

Daffodil Day  
CZ Cross Country Save  
day

### 3 September

Vietnam Trip Parents  
Meeting 6pm

### 4 September

BOT Meeting 6pm

### 17 September

Art Exhibition in Library

### 19 September

Art Exhibition Prizegiving  
SHOWCASE 1:30pm –  
3pm  
Central Zone Boys  
Volleyball

### 20 September

Central Zone Girls  
Volleyball

### 21 September

Vietnam trip departs

### 26 September

In Our Beat practice

### 28 September

End of Term 3 - 3:05pm  
Out of Zone Enrolments  
for 2019 close – 4pm

## Principal's Message

Over the past fortnight many academic challenges on offer here at Ponsonby have been completed.

Science Fair, Speeches, Mathex, ICAS Exams and the Bandquest have all taken place. These academic challenges are satisfying for students and often build great self-esteem. These activities are often described as assessments **of** learning or summative assessments. While they have merit, it is our belief that your children can learn even more when we focus on assessments **for** learning. The recent Student Led Conferences are an example of your children describing what they have been learning and where their next learning steps are. The specialist teaching model we run here at Ponsonby enables teachers to use their 'expertise' and develop robust assessment **for** learning opportunities. We expect our students to be able to articulate their next learning steps.

I'm sure you are aware that with the removal of National Standards the government is calling for a *focus on progress and achievement*. In essence, we will be going back to focus on the true intent of the New Zealand Curriculum 2008.

The government is also conducting a review of 'Tomorrow's Schools', which forms the basis of the whole education system here in Aotearoa.

If you would like to contribute to this review, you can visit the following website and make a submission -  
<http://conversation.education.govt.nz/tsr>

Also, a big thank you to those who send positive feedback to your dedicated teachers. They work incredibly hard and a simple positive message from parents always makes their day!

Regards,  
**Nick Wilson**  
**Principal**

# Social Media and Online Bullying

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As a school, we have currently been dealing with a number of issues around inappropriate and harmful behaviour online that has been taking place outside of school hours.

To help educate the students, we have a special guest coming in next week to talk to the students about online behaviour and some of the real world consequences. The speaker will also talk about the law around using social media and what to do if you are witness to harmful behaviour.

## **Online Bullying - Ponsonby Intermediate School's Policy and Procedure**

Students are unable to access Social Media sites at school through the school wi-fi. This means that online bullying through these sites is very unlikely to happen during school time. However, if a parent brings to our attention an incident that involves online bullying we have a moral and social obligation to act accordingly.

Each incident that is brought to our attention is dealt with on a case by case basis depending on where it took place, who is involved and the severity or inappropriateness of the behaviour. It is also important that these incidences are dealt with as collaboratively as possible with the parents whose children are involved.

Our main priority and responsibility is to educate and raise awareness around the potential harm caused by Social Media as well as ways students can keep themselves safe such as:

- **Never share their password unless it's a parent or guardian**
- **Do not sign up to Social Media sites if they do not meet the age restriction**
- **Report abusive or offensive behaviour to a trusted adult**
- **Do not reply to offensive or abusive behaviour**

All the students will be learning more about this in our health classes. We encourage you to discuss the content of these health lessons at home with your child.

We also feel it is important to work together with parents in raising awareness and putting systems in place to keep your child safe. Some things you can do at home are:

- **Know their password to Social Media sites**
- **Make sure they are on the devices in a shared space - eg lounge, dining room**
- **Time restrictions on devices and clear expectations when using the device**
- **Parental locks such as Watchdog on the internet provider**
- **Discourage your child from signing up to social media sites if they do not meet the age restrictions**

Teachers and parents must work together to ensure the students are getting a clear message about how to keep safe and behave online.

We also encourage you to check out the following website for further help and information about this topic: [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

## Cross Country Results

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We finally had our school Cross Country, Friday 24th, after a number of false starts. Some fantastic weather to go along with some outstanding performances from all four races.

The top 8 runners will attend the Central Zone Day that is taking place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August at Waitarua Reserve, Remuera. It was originally taking place today but it has been postponed due to the weather. We wish all the runners the best of luck for the Central Zone Day.

A special shout out to all the students for their amazing house spirit and support of all the runners through the afternoon.

It was great to see parents come down and cheer on the runners, we hope the event was enjoyable and we will see you at our next big sporting event in Term 4 Week 6 which is our school Athletics Day.

Placing	Year 7 Girls	Year 8 Girls	Year 7 Boys	Year 8 Boys
1	Amelie Kelly 13:54:58	Elly Mae Lawson 12:35:06	Jack Erickson 11:39:60	Samuel Plumbly 12:21:31
2	Charli Dunn	Amelie Fairclough	Ari Bailey	Theo Gorman
3	Maeve Pope	Maia Bennett	Benjamin Meyburg	Liam Webby
4	Azalea Parker	Emily Knill	Joel Robinson-Gomaz	Barney Salmon
5	Tess Bailey	Claudia Moller	Charlie Kaye	Justin Brendolise
6	Lily Aspden	Isabella Houghton	George Allan	Red Lithgow
7	Lily Smith	Eva Pointon	Eli Moreton	Atsuya Sakata
8	Annie Xing	Hannah Curran	Nico Smith	Thomas Buckley
9	Neve Dobson	Amy Douglas	Jethro Moricz	Luke Shennan
10	Bella Harcourt	Maia Hunter	Tom Jordan	Enzo Lund

Please Note: Central Zone results will be in the week 8 newsletter.

# A Message From our Guidance Coordinator

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## **Our young people and their well-being**

There has been a lot out there in the media recently, which makes us consider our young people and their own well-being. Some are asking how do we address this?

- Some of our young people from time to time can feel anxious or low. This may not be visibly explicit to us as adults.
- From time to time we can all feel this way, this is normal, but we do need a place to share our feelings where these can be validated and shown empathy.
- Sometimes kids are seeing and hearing things online that may expose them to topics they may want to explore. This is OK but best discussed with you.
- Sharing some quality time may mean they may open up to you. Encouraging them to share with another trusted adult if not you can be equally important.

At Ponsonby Intermediate we encourage our kids to talk to you, their teachers, or our school counsellor if they have a problem. Students receive each week a Health lesson, Positively Ponsonby session, and a Hauora lesson that gives our kids a chance to discuss relevant issues that they face as 11, 12, 13 year olds. Currently, students are discussing inclusivity and what this looks like for them.

If you are worried about your child, follow these websites for more helpful information:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/in-crisis/helplines/>

<http://www.commonground.org.nz/common-issues/thoughts-and-feelings/>

If you are needing more advice / guidance feel free to connect with our school counsellor Rachel:

[rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz)

Check out this event below for Parents/Caregivers:

### **Nigel Latta's Adventures in Parentland**

Nigel talks about parenting for all ages, from kiddies to teens.

Happy, healthy, confident children is something all parents want... but getting there is sometimes a bit challenging. While we might be the same humans we've always been for the last hundred thousand years or so, the world itself has changed incredibly, and those changes are only going to speed up over the coming years. So how do we prepare our kids for living a good life in the modern age? In this entertaining, challenging, and thought

provoking presentation Nigel will share insights gained over a career that spans over twenty years and has taken him all over the world in search of answers to all kinds of questions. He'll cover everything from the parenting basics, to helping your kids plan for the future, and dealing with big issues like stress, anxiety, and depression. This is an evening full of real world solutions, for real world problems."

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/nigel-latta/auckland/westlake>

## Ponsonby Speech Finals and Central Zone Competition

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The Ponsonby Speech finals were held in the hall on Friday 17 August. The standard was very high and it was an entertaining morning. Congratulations to all our finalists: Sam Kenny, Bella Harcourt, Jasmine Lewis, Sienna Laskey, Rosie Lammiman, Dotti Baker, Hugo Morganti, Nic Withers, Bella Houghton, Justin Brendolise, Sian Holmes, Georgia Wallace. Our brave impromptu speakers were Dasha Sychova, Ivy Keith and Matthew Sutton. The judges, Katie Muller, Petra Bagust and Sandra Aitken faced a difficult decision making process. The final results were - 1st: Georgia Wallace (Kiwiana) , 2nd: Justin Brendolise (The English Language), 3rd: Rosie Lammiman (Brilliant Mistakes Make Failure Your Best Teacher). Jasmine Lewis (The Gender Pay Gap) and Sian Holmes (Confidence) both received Highly Commended Awards. Dasha Sychova won the impromptu section.

Georgia now goes on to represent Ponsonby at the Central Zone Speech Competition being held this Thursday, 30 August, at 1.30 at Ponsonby Intermediate in the school hall.

Mrs Dunn

## Bandquest 2018

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The annual Bandquest held at the Dorothy Winstone Centre (AGGS) was represented by three of our school Rockbands: Triple FC, Kids in Limbo & Socially Awkward. All three bands had complete 'WOW' factors and impressed the judges with their maturity in performance and unique Ponsonby style. There were two stand out awards, notably, Callum Bowes - 'Killer guitarist' and 'Socially Awkward' - 2nd place overall. Special thanks to Joe Loonie who tutors this band every Tuesday after school. Congratulations everyone, you are all stars!



**'SOCIALY AWKWARD' 2ND PLACE OVERALL**



**CALLUM BOWES  
'KILLER GUITARIST'**

## Mathex

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Last Thursday evening we competed in the annual Mathex Competition at the Barfoot Thompson Stadium. The Year 7's were first and did very well, with both teams finishing in the top 25%. Our Year 8 teams performed exceptionally well with Team B coming in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall out of over 130 teams, followed closely by Team A. Ponsonby Intermediate School received a special mention at the Prize Giving, as one of only two schools to have both teams reach a perfect score.

Congratulations and well done to; Year 7 - Minh Vu, Eric Hu, Ian Li, Edward Gravit, Ellie Pizzini, Jonathon Yu, Renee Cunningham, Albert Liu, Year 8 - Luke Shennan, Thomas Buckley, Anatol Coen, Ella Graves, Jaden L'ami, Dasha Sychova, Imogen Pearce, Ivan Su, Reserve - Jacob Woodall

## CZ Squash Tournament

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This term saw the return of Squash to the CZ Tournaments held on Thursday 23 August at the Remuera Rackets Club. Four schools entered the Year 7 and 8 Boys section, two schools for Year 7 Girls and Ponsonby Year 8 Girls. With fewer schools entering, teams played a Round Robin to compete against all players in their sections. Ponsonby players were excited and eager to participate on a full court, having experienced playing squash on the micro-court in their PE sessions. Games were close scoring with some hard fought rallies and skilful shots. It was a great day of squash! Thanks to parent supporters Petra Bagust, Mark Bailey, Vicky Lewis, Jayne Pagonis and teacher Ms Murray. Team results as follows:

Year 7 Girls: 1st- Tess Bailey, 2nd- Amelie Kelly, 3rd- Charli Dunn.

Year 7 Boys: 3rd- Theodore Wilson.

Year 8 Girls: 1st- Dasha Sychova, 2nd- Leila Belt, 3rd- Amy Douglas.

Year 8 Boys: 2nd- Sasha Holloway, 3rd- Max Murray, 5th- Jacob Woodall, 6th- Michael Gray, 7th- Noah Zajtman, 9th- Theo Gorman, 10th- Louis Pagonis



## Basketball Update – Important notice for Parents

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Our previous Basketball Coordinator, Mr Brad Mertens, has moved on. Please contact our Sports Coordinator, Michelle Murray if you have any questions or concerns regarding basketball.

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

## NIWA Science and Technology Fair

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The exhibition will be open to public viewing on Friday the 31st August 5:30 to 8:00pm and Saturday the 1st September 9:30am to 5:00pm. This year the venue is the Auckland War Memorial Museum. Entrance is at the South entrance. Parking underneath the Museum. Please feel free to come and have a look at our students' projects and the projects that they competed with throughout Auckland. Entrance is free. I will inform you of our results in the next newsletter.

Mrs Marsick

## Kids-2-Camp Appeal

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Should you wish to sponsor a student and help out with a donation to our Kids-2-Camp campaign please contact Louise at [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz)

## Camp 2018

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Camp is taking place in Week 1 of Term 4. Camp fees of \$270 are due by **21<sup>st</sup> September**. If you have any questions regarding camp, please contact your child's form teacher.

## Ski Team

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After months of training our Ski team went down to Whakapapa last week. It was a shame they didn't get any racing in, however living in the huts up on the ski field was an amazing experience.

Thank you to all the parents and Mr Gavin Chester for their organisation.



## Cheerleading

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On Saturday 25th August the Cheerleading Squad competed in the Olympia Competition at the North Shore Events Centre and finished in a very respectable third place. Congratulations to our very dedicated squad led by Michelle. And well done to all the students that competed, your hard work certainly paid off. We will also be celebrating your success this week in assembly.

## Enrolments at Ponsonby 2019 (Repeat Notice)

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At the moment we are busy processing all the enrolments for next year. Ponsonby Intermediate School has always accepted many students from out of zone and this will



continue. I should also make it clear that my goal is for class sizes and the school roll to remain the same heading into 2019 and beyond.

To help provide certainty, **it is important all enrolments for 2019, whether you are 'in zone' or 'out of zone' are received by the end of this term – Friday 28 September.**

You be notified of your acceptance by email and formal letter in mid October. Information on term dates, stationary and uniform will be included.

Please let your friends and neighbours know these deadlines – the transition process from Primary school into Intermediate is important. We will visit all our major contributing primary schools for Year 6 transitioning in November -Ponsonby Primary, Freemans Bay Primary, Richmond Rd Primary, Bayfield Primary, Gladstone Primary, Westmere Primary, Pt Chevalier Primary, and Grey Lynn Primary.

The Year 6 students from other schools need to attend the Out of Zone Transition Morning here at Ponsonby Int. School – Thursday 22 November – 9:00am – 10:15am

## Library

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We have been fortunate in recent weeks to receive a number of donated books from two ex-pupils, Jami and Milly Athy (graduated 2009) and an ex-staff member Henriette Drake. Thank you so much. I will be adding these books to our library as soon as possible.

## Bits and Pieces

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**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!**

**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.

**NEW RECIPES EACH TERM**

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

**Dates: 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**11am- 2pm**

**\$50 per session**

**10 years+**

**Max 20 students per session and Minimum being 10 (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 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

**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.

## **Girl Guides**

There is a Girl Guide unit for girls aged 9-12.5 in Ponsonby.

Please contact:

**Jessica Parr**

Girl Member Administrator

GirlGuiding New Zealand - Ngā Kōhine Whakamahiri o Aotearoa

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# **Pukekohe Raceway Kids Obstacle Duathlon**

## ***Tuesday 25th September***

***Duathlon - run, bike, obstacle course run***

***Compete individually or in 2-person team***

***Year 3 - 8 students***

***Enter Online : [www.bsgevents.co.nz](http://www.bsgevents.co.nz)***



Pt Chevalier  
Tennis Club

# JUNIOR TENNIS FAMILY FUN



Sunday 2nd September

11.00am to 1.00pm

**All Welcome - members & non-members, all ages**

- Yummy Sausage Sizzle
- Meet our Juniors Tennis Coach
- Spot Prizes!
- Adult and Child fun tennis competitions
- Play against our Ball Machine!
- Give Tennis a Go! (rackets available)

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**The Pt Chevalier Tennis Club**

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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