# Newsletter Ponsonby

# **Intermediate School**

Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

# Important Dates

#### 17 September

Art Exhibition in Library

### 19 September

Art Exhibition Prizegiving SHOWCASE 1:30pm -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

#### 15 October

Term 4 starts

#### 16 October

**CAMPS DEPART** 2019 Out of Zone Students Ballot completed

#### 22 October **LABOUR DAY**

#### 24 October

In Our Beat Evening Show

#### 30 October

**BOT Meeting 6pm** 

# Principal's Message

Ponsonby Intermediate opened in April 1977. A few weeks ago, I met with the foundation Principal – Ian Payne and foundation teacher Alastair Fletcher.

lan has been retired for 29 years and loved his visit back here.

When Ponsonby Intermediate first opened it was unique, being the first intermediate with four large "variable space" blocks accommodating about 100 students each.

Today, the school remains unique in the fact we run a specialist teaching model.



Both Ian and Alastair were amazed by the modern facilities and the abundant technology throughout the school.

Also, in this week's newsletter please see the attachment (page 9) on our new shoe making classes - everyone in Ponsonby likes shoes, right!

**Nick Wilson Principal** 

# NIWA Science Fair Results

What an incredible evening. Two 1sts, one 2nd and nine Special Awards (this was comprised of 2 Bronze, 2 Silver and 5 Gold.

#### Our winners were:

Genevieve Cartmell - 1st in Technology and the Gold Photon Factory Award for Technology for *H2O EQ88A* 

Amelie Fairclough - 1st in Planet Earth and Beyond, Silver RIMU: Auckland Council Award and Gold Auckland Museum Institute Membership and Project Presentation Award for *Do Our Tides Have The Power?* 

Anatol Coen (Highly Commended for Physical World) - Bronze Award New Zealand Statistical Association Award, Silver Science Awards Trust Prize and Gold Auckland Museum Institute Membership and Project Presentation Award for *The Poker Problem* 

Theo Gorman (Highly Commended for Living World/Behavioural Sciences) - Bronze SAANZ Prize for Best Social Science Focus for *Marmite. Might Not!* 

Lachlan Dalzell and Max Tunnicliffe (Highly Commended for Planet Earth) - Gold The University of Auckland - Dean of Science Creativity Prize for *Getting To The Root of The Problem* 

Zephyr Bird (Highly Commended for Living World/Behavioural Sciences)- Gold Auckland Museum Institute Membership and Project Presentation Award for *Food For Thought. How Nutrition Affects Mental Health* 

Harriet Gowing and Maia Hunter - 2nd in Material World for Bees Wax Wraps And Why We Should Use Them

Well done to all our participants we had 12 entries and received 19 awards.

Thank you for the lovely parents who helped out on the day at the Museum (what an incredible venue) and for transporting the students to and from the NIWA Science Fair. It was very much appreciated. Special thanks goes to Rachel Gowing who was able to attend the prize-giving and wrote down all our awards.

**Margaret Marsick** 

# **Art Exhibition Evening**

The school Art Exhibition will be held on the evening of Wednesday 19th September, in the school library from 4pm -7pm. It will feature artworks from some of the students who completed the visual art module in Terms 1-3. Artworks include kowhaiwhai panels, watercolour landscapes, and woodcut prints. All are welcome to attend and see the creative talents of our Ponsonby students.

# Central and Inter-Zone Cross Country Results

Due to wet weather the Central Zone Cross Country was postponed twice, so when we finally got to the Waiatarua Reserve the underfoot conditions were rather wet and muddy. Also the postponement meant that several students chosen for our team could not attend due to other commitments. All students ran well, Jack Erikson achieving 3rd place in Year 7 boys' team, the Year 7 girls' team was 2nd overall and the Year 8 boys' team were 3rd. Four students, achieved top ten placings which put them into the Central Zone team to go to Inter-Zone at Muriwai. They were Amelie Kelly, Sam Plumbly, Jack Erikson and Elly Mae Lawson. The Inter-Zone race was mostly on sand which was a contrast to the mud at CZ, but made for hard running. Jack was 5th and Elly Mae was 6th. Congratulations to all who entered and especially for the top ten results. Many thanks to Mrs Lawson who provided transport to Inter-Zone.









# **Central Zone Speech Competition**

On Thursday 30 August, Ponsonby hosted the Central Zone Intermediate Schools Speech Competition. Eight schools took part: Ponsonby, Pasadena, Royal Oak, Mt Roskill, Balmoral, ANI, Remuera and Kowhai. The quality of the speeches was extremely high and made for a very entertaining afternoon for the Ponsonby Intermediate students in the audience. Well done to all of the speakers. The final results were as follows:

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1st – Taiki George – Slang – Pasadena
2nd – Zachary Chung – It's not about the Shark – Remuera
3rd – Yonnie Park – To look Through it – ANI
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Impromptu – 1st= Dasha Sychova - Ponsonby, Kate Kestle – Mt Roskill

Many thanks to our judges – Paul Alford (Deputy Principal, Western Springs College), Katie Muller (Assistant Principal, Ponsonby Intermediate) and Peter Kerr (Western Springs College).

# Phones at school

Our school rules around phones is that all students must hand in their phone to the teacher at the beginning of the school day. The phone is then kept in a locked area in their form class. This policy is in place so that students do not lose or break their phones and that they are not on social media during school time.

We have reminded students about this rule and asked for your support to help ensure students understand that the rule is in place for their well-being.

We encourage students to bring phones to school as we know how important they are for communicating with parents before and after school. However, they are not to be in possession of their phone during school time.

# Water Polo – Tim Sonderer Tournament

# **Sharks**

Once again Ponsonby's A and B Waterpolo teams entered in the highly prestigious "Tim Sonderer Waterpolo Tournament". The Sharks were in the B grade and the Marlins in the C grade. Both teams did very well, exceeding expectations.

The Sharks were coached by Sophia Gorman and Brya Holic, both ex-Ponsonby students. They won all their pool games against Glen Eden, St. Cuthbert's and Carmel, only conceding three goals in the process. This meant they advanced to the top quarter final, beating St. Mary's. We were then on to the top semi-final. With a win against King's, the Sharks were

pumped that they were in the final against Pasadena. It was a close game and it brought out the best in the team, but unfortunately they lost 3-2. Even though they didn't win the final, they left with a silver medal and a better team and they are all excited for their next tournament!

By Barney Salmon and Sam Kenney

### **Marlins**

The Ponsonby Marlins, coached by Deborah Somerville played a total of 6 games and got 6th out of 16 teams. The Marlins' first game was on Friday afternoon and was against The Sacred Heart Snappers, The Marlins unfortunately lost 5-2. That evening, their second game was against Orewa's B team. It was a great game played by both sides and Ponsonby won 14-0. That made the whole team stoked as everyone scored a goal. Saturday was a really tough game against Waikowhai A team and we sadly lost 6-4. After playing Dio with a result of 7-3 to The Marlins, we were ready to try our hardest in the last two games. On Sunday, The Marlins played King's, we tied 3-3 and were in the playoffs for 5th and 6th. It was a really tough game against St Cuthbert's and we sadly lost 3-4. Everybody had a lot of fun and the whole team improved dramatically.

By Georgia Wallace and Hattie Miles

# **Auckland Swim League**

Once again Ponsonby entered an awesome team of agile swimmers into the Auckland Swim League competition at Cameron Pool in Mt Roskill.

There were four rounds this term, where we raced Muriwai, ANI, St Mary's, Waiheke, Pasadena and Kowhai in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and medley races. A new surf life saving medley race was added this term, which involved swimming in life jackets, swimming with fins and towing life buoys and other swimmers.

Having taken out the single school title last term, we were the team to beat. However, we had to default on one round because most of our swimmers were out at a water polo tournament. Despite missing a round, we managed a very respectable third place, and the team was proud to represent Ponsonby once again.

Our swimmers were Sam Kenny, Tobias Beaumont, Barney Salmon, Harriet Gowing, Hereata Crosswell, Koen Dettling, Elliott Williams, Ike Ancell, Jaden L'ami, Frede Ancell, Joel Blijlevens, Liam Dodunski, Emmerson Ivy, Ryder Ivey and Fergus Salmon.

Auckland Swim League is a lot of fun, and only takes up about an hour of your Saturday afternoon every second weekend, four times a term. It will start again next year and I encourage you to give it a go if you're a keen swimmer.

A big thank you to the parents and Robyn Ancell for helping to organise the team each week and a very special thank you on behalf of the team and the school to Brian Dettling. Your organisation was amazing and we really appreciate the time and effort you have put in to the team over the last two years.

## By Harriet Gowing



# Sailing Team

WOW! The boys were great. The format was 2 days of qualifying and the last day sees all the competitors divided into Gold and Silver fleets. The points carry through, so it pays to be consistent. All Year 7 & 8 sail together.

Their results were very pleasing. Out of 78 entries, all 3 made Gold Fleet – Only 12 of the 25 Year 7 Boys managed that. They were the top Year 7 Team and they finished 8 out of 32 Schools overall.

Ed Gravit finished 4th Year 7 and 16th overall out of 78. Mirai Arao was 10th Year 7 Boy and Levi Jenkins was 12th Year 7 Boy.

The wind conditions were typical spring in Tauranga. One day bitterly cold and windy, one day bitterly cold and light, and the 3rd day also variable. All 3 boys showed great resilience to last the first day. It was tough. Levi Jenkins got disqualified for breaking the start not once but twice on the second day, but still sailed well enough in the other races to make Gold fleet.

Thanks to Luke for taking his RIB and looking after the sailors on the water.

Regards,

#### Jonathan Gravit







# **SWEETMANS SHOEMAK**

not really knowing what to expect. I had so many different ideas on how we could make the sandals we had designed and drawn. I remember starting the process by cutting out our personalised soles, all the plot twists with what the next step was going to be and what it turned out to be. Towards the end, everything came together just how I imagined and I had a whole lot of new

knowledge on how to make shoes. I am very grateful to have had that unique experience. Overall it was so intriguing and fun and I get to walk away with a great pair of sandals that I made with the help of Mrs Sweetman.









Lapplied for Sweetman's Shoemakers because I really like shoes and I felt like it would be a fun experience for me. The process was fun but difficult in parts because if you messed up one small step your shoes could fall apart One of the trickiest parts for me was cutting the stencil for the insole foam. I feel like I am more patient with other crafts because in shoemaking you need a lot of patience waiting for the glue to dry. Also, I've learned to use my time more wisely because we didn't have a lot of time to make the

shoes. In shoemaking, I made some friends and Mrs. Sweetman was really helpful when we needed it. I am extremely happy that I decided to try out for shoemaking. Now I've got a pair of awesome slides/sandals!









# SWEETMANS SHOEMAI

n Sweetman's Shoemakers it took us a long time to make these shoes but I'm happy with the outcome. It was hard to follow along to all the steps. The first step was making a template of our feet on a piece of paper, then we did our straps. It was hard to put the rand on because I have never done it before. It was complicated to make everything perfect so it would fit together. The hardest part was was fitting the insole of the shoe in because if you put it down too early it would mess up the glue. The best part was

putting on the final layer of soling and seeing the shoes finished. It was really fun because I have never made shoes before and it was a great experience.











Going into Sweetman's Shoemakers I was extremely excited. I had absolutely no clue on how to make a shoe and did not know what I wanted mine to be like. When we arrived at class we were straight into it and quickly understood what we needed to do. The process was very complicated but we took it slow and Mrs Sweetman made sure we knew what to do. It was a lot more complicated than I thought it would be, especially whilst we were fitting them and cutting out the straps. The best thing was that no matter what we wanted our shoes to look like. Mrs Sweetman had the resources to do it. In the end, my shoes turned out better than I expected, as they fit perfectly and are really comfortable. Sweetman's Shoemakers is one of my highlights of my Ponsonby Experience so far and I highly recommend it for any organised and responsible











# FFTMANS SHOFMA

Personally I learned a lot of new skills during Sweetman's Shoemakers. Not only did I learn how to make shoes. I also met some new people and got to know them. However I did find learning how to make a pair of slides ery interesting and I was able to let my creativity loose. over the planning and designing period, I was able to process new ideas. And during the making of my shoes I learnt a lot of new skills and was able to expand my current knowledge. Overall, I greatly enjoyed being a part of

Sweetman's Shoemakers, and it has really benefited my knowledge, creativity, skills and I even made some new friends.

- Jude Wilson-









My 'shoe-making' experience was really good and made me learn from my mistakes. I thought we were going to make easy plastic shoes and a couple of pairs and was excited to hear we wear making real leather sandals. At times, it was a bit stressful knowing that all the material was expensive and I didn't want to waste it.

The most difficult thing was trying to not waste anything and make everything perfect, but not rush through it. Overall I think that Sweetman's Shoemakers was good but maybe for people who have patience to create their sandals.

- Loane Chauvineau -









# A Message from our Guidance Coordinator

A big topic for the Year 8's at the moment is high school, where they are going and what this feels like. If you haven't enrolled your child yet, make sure you get onto this as soon as you can, this helps the process and alleviates any worries your child might have. The more information kids have about moving school the smoother this transition can be, this could look like having a talk together about this, going for a visit during the weekend, or talking to the high school about some big questions they might have.

If your child needs extra support with their transition to High School please connect with Rachel at <a href="mailto:rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz">rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz</a>

# In Our Beat

On October 24th, sixty of our students will be joining other local primary schools in our community to celebrate the Performing Arts. Ticket sales open Wednesday 26th September through iTicket. Details below

# In Our Beat!

The sounds, moves and grooves of Auckland's

# INNER CITY KIDS!

A great night of entertainment for the whole family featuring children from Bayfield, Ponsonby, Freemans Bay, Richmond Road Grey Lynn, Pt Chevalier, Ponsonby Intermediate, Westmere and Marist schools.

MC: Petra Bagust

In our schools. In our community. In our beat!

# Victory Convention Centre 98 Beaumont Street

Wednesday 24 October 7.00 - 9.00 (approx) \$15 (adults) \$10 (seniors, children, students) \$40 Family ticket (4 tickets - 2 adults, 2 children)



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# **Camp Payments**

The camp fee of \$270 is due by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. These payments can be paid online to: Ponsonby Intermediate School 12 3019 0486833 01 with your child's name and room number as reference or simply click the link below. You can also pay at the school office during school hours.

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

# **Lost Property**

Lost property is located in the Hall Foyer and is open 7:30am – 4pm. If your child accidently brings clothing home that is not theirs, please return to the Hall Foyer. **Name all clothes that come to school.** 

# HPV/Boostrix Catch up

The Year 8's will be having their second and final dose of their HPV immunisation on the 27th of September. If your Year 7 child missed their Boostrix, they will be having a catch up of this on the same day.

# Mount Albert Grammar School Enrolments

**2019 In-Zone Enrolments for Mount Albert Grammar School** (school closes on Friday 6 December)

If you are enroling your son/daughter we would encourage you to do this as soon as possible. Please use the link <a href="www.mags.school.nz">www.mags.school.nz</a> to enrol online or alternatively email <a href="mags.school.nz">enrol@mags.school.nz</a>.

Testing days for Year 8 students enrolled at Mount Albert Grammar School for 2019 Girls' Testing - Wednesday 31 October Boys' Testing - Thursday 1 November

# 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: 8th 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, nutritous main meals (all ingredients included).

To get an idea of numbers bookings will close on Wednesday 19th September. 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.

#### **Apartment Available**

Stylish furnished 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom apartment in Blake Street available for 4 weeks from 16 September \$550 per week. Enquiries to George Andrews 021 631 261

#### **Viva Dance Studios**

Our studio is introducing new musical theatre classes and holiday programmes for children.

Viva Dance Studios

10 Newton Rd, Newton. PO Box 108 186, Symonds St. Auckland. T: 09-376 7900 | M: 021 884 354 | www.vivadance.co.nz

### **Girl Guides in Ponsonby**

We have a Guide unit for girls aged 9-12.5 in Ponsonby. If you are interested please contact:

#### **Jessica Parr**

Girl Member Administrator

Gir IGuiding New Zealand - Ngā Kōhine Whakamahiri o Aotearoa 132 Grange Road, Mt Eden | Auckland 1024
PO Box 56 395 | Auckland 1024
P: 0800 22 22 92 ext 771 | E: Jessica.Parr@girlguidingnz.org.nz





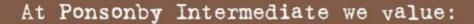
# Ponsonby **Learning Pathway**



**New Zealand** Curriculum

Articulate, energised achievers; ready for the future

Ponsonby Community



# 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

- 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