

## Important Dates

### 2 November

Central Zone Girls Touch  
(Save Day)

### 12 November

**SCHOOL CLOSED –  
STRIKE ACTION**

### 13 November

Modular Conferences  
3:20pm – 8pm

### 16 November

**PONSONBY ATHLETICS  
DAY – Mt Smart Stadium**

### 22 November

Central Zone Athletics  
Mt Smart Stadium

### 4 December

BOT Meeting

### 7 December

Showcase – 1:20pm –  
3:05pm

### 11 December

**Prizegiving** – 1:30pm –  
3:05pm

### 12 December

**Graduation Evening** for  
Year 8 - 6pm – 9pm

### 13 December

Year 7 students only –  
12pm End of School

## Principal's Message

School camps have been safely completed, thank you for everyone's support.

While camps may be demanding on schools and stressful for teachers, I feel they are a powerful learning experience. The feedback I receive from parents supports this claim. Camps put responsibility on students to be organised, challenge themselves, overcome adversity and take part in genuine teamwork.

All the camps I visited were superbly organised and the students engaged in their activities. We are confirmed to continue with a similar camp format in Week 1, Term 4, 2019.

Please watch the latest PPTV Camp Special.

<https://vimeo.com/297014654>

I have recently discussed with students to be careful with their safety in public, particularly with Halloween and Guy Fawkes celebrations.

Shortly you will receive an email requesting you to complete the annual community survey, please put 2-3 minutes aside and complete it for us.

This year we received a large number of 'out of zone' applications and held a ballot. If your son/daughter was successful in their application you must accept or decline the place ASAP. If families fail to respond we will offer the places to students on the wait list.

**Please note the school will be closed – Monday 12 November due to NZEI strike action.**

Lastly, welcome back to our students and teachers who attended the Vietnam Exchange trip, the stories you tell me have been highly entertaining!

**Nick Wilson**

# Athletics Day

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**When:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

**Where:** Mt Smart Athletics Arena, O'Rorke Road, Penrose

Students, please remember:

- Full PE uniform
- Covered shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Warm clothing
- Water bottle and lunch – Bring a healthy one!

We will be travelling to the event on buses at 9.00am and returning by 3.00pm.

There is a full timetable of the track and field events at the end of this newsletter.

## Sports Results

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### **Volleyball:**

Ponsonby took 9 players along to the North Shore Event Centre to compete in the Boys' Volleyball tournament on Wednesday 19 September. Nine schools competed. Games were highly competitive and many were won or lost by only 1 - 2 points, proving this to be an exciting spectator sport. The boys played with 100% commitment, encouraging each other as they served, spiked, kicked and rallied through some hard fought games. In Round 1, the team had a draw with Wesley 43-43, a win against ANI 53-35 and narrowly lost to Pasadena 44-41 to place 3rd in their Pool section. Ponsonby placed 5th= overall in the tournament.

Great volleyball skills and sportsmanship displayed by Theo Wilson, Jackson Clatworthy, Cohen-Jones Taylor, Louis Pagonis, Tom Buckley, Jaden L'ami, Theo Gorman, Ollie Burton and Max Blackwell. Thanks to our teacher/coach Ms Murray and parent supporters.

### **Rugby Sevens:**

12 players took part in the West/Central Sevens Rugby at Waitemata Rugby Club. There were some competitive schools there who were well trained in the Sevens format. Ponsonby lost its first game narrowly by a late try, only to lose by two points. A good effort facing Henderson, who are a seasoned sevens team.

The next game was a reasonably comfortable win, three tries to one.

In the semi-final against Remuera, Ponsonby had a slow start conceding two tries. However, a never-say-die attitude from the boys saw them hit back with two late tries only to lose by one conversion.

The fourth and third playoff was another hard game with many players tired from the previous rounds. However, the boys never gave up and it was only a try by Liston Intermediate on the hooter (or slightly after) that gave them a win.

A big thank you to parents for coming to cheer on the boys in a well-deserved 4th overall finish.

Also, thank you for the parent transport help to and from the venue.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was lots of fun seeing the boys still showing great enthusiasm at the end of a long rugby season.

### **Auckland Intermediate Rogaine Championship Event (Orienteering Fun Runs):**

Experienced orienteering parent Mark Frater took 2 teams to the Auckland Intermediate Rogaine Championship held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Rogaine is an orienteering sport of long distance cross country that involves teams to navigate routes between checkpoints using a variety of map types. This event was held at Shakespear Regional Park, Whangaparoa Peninsula on a terrain of moderately steep farmland with areas of native bush, tracks, fences and a stream. Teams have 90 minutes to complete the course. Congratulations to both teams demonstrating great orienteering skills to gain fantastic results! Year 7 boys Charlie Frater, Raneel Vaidya placed 15th out of 54 boys teams and Year 8 girls Amelie Fairclough, Maia Hunter placed 26th out of 83 girls teams. Thanks to all the parent supporters and Mark for his expert orienteering advice.





## North Island Waterpolo Tournament

Once again our Ponsonby A Waterpolo team, the Sharks, entered the North Island wide North Island champs. This tournament has been a great experience for the whole team. This was the team's last tournament for the year and the team played their hardest. There were 18 teams in our grade, making it one of the hardest grades. Expectations for our team were very low for us until we played our first game against Bucklands Beach Intermediate and won 10-2. With this confidence booster we were pumped to play Sacred Heart. We all knew this would be a tough game and we had to win to get out of our pool. It was 3 all with 3 seconds to go and we pass the ball to Jaden, who scores a full court goal just as the final buzzer sounds. We were so happy that we could advance to the next round. Our next game that afternoon was against Murray's Bay. We all felt that we could play better, as we lost 4-1. Although we lost, we still made it to the top quarter-final which gave us a chance of top 3. On Saturday we played Balmoral, if we lost we would be out, but if we won then our goal could still come true. 3 all and it is full time, so golden goal. We really wanted to win and we played our best and we won, none of us could believe it! We were in top semi final! But we were playing Murray's Bay. The team we lost to earlier. Our team had nothing to lose, we had played the best we ever played and at the end of the game it was 4 all. Golden goal again. We won the swim off and from then on we were unstoppable. Our first shot on goal went in and we couldn't believe our eyes. Into the final! Four o'clock the next day we were versing Pasadena in the final. As you may remember from the last Waterpolo tournament we also took on Pasadena in the final. Unfortunately our winning streak was over, we lost to Pasa again by 4-3. It was a great tournament and it was a great time. Thanks to all the players and

our coaches ex-Ponsonby students Briar and Sophia. Also a special thank to Robyn Ancell our Manager who helped us through some hard games.

### **The West Wave Waterpolo Season**

The Ponsonby A and B Waterpolo teams, The Sharks and the Marlins, were in the West Wave competition that ran throughout the year. Both teams were in the A division and played every Friday night. We had uncontested wins with occasional intermissions of games against Pasadena, some of which we won and some of which we lost. Both the Sharks and the Marlins have progressed over the duration of the West Wave competition. After 3 terms of games, the Marlins placed 5th and the Sharks 2nd with Harriet Gowing winning best female player.

By Sam Kenny and Barney Salmon



North Islands Tournament team - Sharks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in B grade

# Vietnam Cultural Trip

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On Friday the 21st of September a group of 28 children and 4 teachers departed on an exciting 2 week adventure to Vietnam. After a lengthy 10 hour flight to Singapore and another 2 hour flight they landed in the hot and humid city of Hồ Chí Minh(Saigon) where it got up to 38°C. We explored some amazing historical places like the Cu Chi Tunnels, Reunification Palace, Ben Thanh Market and Unicorn Island. We then flew to Da Nang City where we visited the Ba Na Hills with a beautiful golden hand bridge. The next day we drove to Hoi An and Mỹ Sơn - a world heritage where we explored old abandoned Hindu temples from the 4th to 14th century and the Marble Mountains before driving to Huế and visiting the Forbidden City. After flying to Hà Nội, the capital city of Vietnam, we watched a water puppet show and then headed off on a boat to Ha Long Bay where we stayed a night on a Junk. The Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum, the temple of literature and the Hà Nội Hilton - a prison - were the last on the agenda before returning back to New Zealand. The Vietnam group all had an amazing experience of Vietnam's culture and history. Thanks to the teachers Mrs Sweetman, Miss Hart, Mrs Cullen and Ms Edwards for all of their hard work and the effort they put into making this trip amazing for us.

By Eric Hu - Room 11



## In Our Beat

On the **24th October** over 60 singers, musicians and dancers from Ponsonby Intermediate joined other local schools to entertain a huge audience at the Victory Church with "In Our Beat". The first half consisted of musical and dance acts, including our contemporary dancers, Seraphine Rive, Ava Tiffin-Lang, Izzy Mullan and Hazel Couper who performed their own choreographed piece. Our Year 8 band, Kids In Limbo, featuring Elly Mae Lawson, Mila Guttenbeil, Matthew Sutton, Georgia Burns, Louis Pagonis and Indy Urban also performed. The second half presented a mass choir comprising choirs from all the schools, including our 35 strong choir, accompanied by the 3 musicians from Kids In Limbo, Louis, Georgia and Matthew. The evening was hosted by one of our well known parents, Petra Bagust, who entertained us with her humour and stories. Ponsonby Intermediate students were wonderful ambassadors of our school, performing with professionalism and conducting themselves in a mature way.

Chrissie Cullen

## School Camps

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Our camps this year were a huge success. On behalf of the students and the teaching staff I would like to personally thank all the parents who helped out this year with transport, activities and staying overnight. We feel it is important for whanau to get involved with the school and camp is a great way for this to happen.

We hope your child enjoyed their camp experience this year and learnt a number of new skills around taking responsible risks and working as a group. We have a special PPTV episode highlighting each camp so make sure you check it out using the link in the Principal's message.

Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you next year at camp.

Matt Bennie

## Biannual Community Survey

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A survey will be emailed out to all parents via Survey Monkey on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. This survey is an important tool for the school as it gives us crucial information about our strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement. Community feedback is an integral part of helping to improve student outcomes and the overall organisation of a school.

If you do not receive an email regarding the survey, please contact the office and we will ensure you are given access.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey; your feedback is greatly appreciated.

## End of Year Prize-giving

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This special event will be taking place on Tuesday 11th December in the Ponsonby Intermediate Events Centre at 1:30pm.

There will be parking on the field and allocated seating for family and friends.

Your child will be notified on Friday 23rd November if they are receiving a prize. They will be bringing a letter home on that day with the necessary information. We encourage you to come along to celebrate your child's success with us.

Not all students will receive a prize, but we would remind all parents and caregivers that throughout the year we recognise and celebrate students' success during our weekly school assemblies and on other occasions.



## Year 8 Graduation

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We will be celebrating the Year 8 students' two year "Ponsonby Experience" on Wednesday 12th December with a special Graduation Ceremony. A letter outlining this event will be sent home Friday 23th November.

In this letter it will provide specific information about the event and what your child will need to bring on the night. It is a formal evening so we encourage the Year 8 students to dress smartly.

The event starts at 6.00pm and there will be allocated seating for all parents and family members. However, please consider that the Ponsonby Intermediate Events Centre has a limited amount of space so please limit the number of family members. Last year we struggled to fit everyone. There will also be parking on the field.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the amazing two years your child has had at Ponsonby Intermediate.

## Library

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The Library is up and running this term, with a huge range of books to select from. A gentle reminder - if you have an overdue book it is due back NOW. We have 85 overdue books. Please have a look at home, in your school bag, car, under your bed ...

Cheers

Mrs Marsick

## School Magazine photos

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Yearbook sports and extra-curricular photos will be taking place next week during formtimes. Below is the timetable for each group/team, please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform. Due to the number of photos being taken they are unable to be rescheduled.

Monday 5th November	Tuesday 6th November	Wednesday 7th November	Thursday 8th November	Friday 9th November
<b>Tennis</b> <b>Table tennis</b> <b>Badminton</b> <b>Mixed Touch</b> <b>Rugby</b> <b>Cross Country</b> <b>Orienteering</b> <b>Debating</b> <b>Galaxy touch</b> <b>Swimming team</b> <b>Tech Experts</b> <b>All basketball teams (zone and Monday night)</b>	<b>Waterpolo</b> <b>All hockey teams</b> <b>Kids Lit team</b> <b>Speech Finalists</b> <b>Petanque</b> <b>Chess</b> <b>Mathex</b> <b>Kapa Haka</b> <b>Otago Math</b> <b>Final Challenge</b> <b>Librarians</b> <b>Ski and Snowboard team</b> <b>Mountain Biking</b>	<b>Sailing team</b> <b>Rugby under 55</b> <b>Sevens rugby</b> <b>Boys Netball</b> <b>Boys Touch team</b> <b>Boys Volleyball</b> <b>Boys Soccer teams</b> <b>Boys Cricket</b> <b>Boys Softball</b>	<b>Girls Netball and summer</b> <b>Girls Touch rugby</b> <b>Girls Volleyball</b> <b>Girls Soccer</b> <b>Girls Cricket</b> <b>Girls Softball</b> <b>Cheerleading</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Rockband</b> <b>Concert Band</b>	<b>9am - Councillors Talent Quest finalists.</b> <b>Music Crew</b> <b>Cultural Leaders</b> <b>9:10am – Positively Ponsonby</b> <b>9:20 – Eco Warriors</b> <b>9:30 – Science Fair</b> <b>9:30 - Niwa awards</b> <b>Sports Leaders</b> <b>Yearbook team</b> <b>Hip Hop</b> <b>Contemporary Futsal</b> <b>Any additional photos as required</b>

## Halloween Festival

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Three dedicated students – Maia Hunter, Amelie Fairclough and Harriet Gowing organised a fantastic Halloween Festival on Friday.

Various events were organised throughout the day – Assembly, Interval and Lunchtime. It was the scariest day we have ever had at Ponsonby, and the girls managed to raise \$250 which they have decided to donate to the PE Shed!

A huge thank you girls and a great initiative for the “Ponsonby Experience”.



## 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.

**Please include your child's room number beside their name.**

### **Modular Conferences**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code: unam7)

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 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

### **Art: Kelly Richardson**

Teaching Rooms 1, 11, 17, 18, 25

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

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

### **Music: Paul Curtis**

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

### **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: 3, 20, 22, 28, 30

### **Science: Margaret Marsick**

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

### **Science: Ben de La Haye**

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

### **Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson**

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

### **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

# Ponsonby Intermediate School

## Athletics Day Timetable

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, Mt Smart Stadium, Penrose

### Track Events

9:45am		1500m	Boys – Year 7 Boys – Year 8 Girls – Year 7 Girls – Year 8
10:00 – 11:45am	<b>GIRLS</b>	100m 200m 400m	Heats Heats Heats/Final (Top 3 times)
12:00 – 1:45pm	<b>BOYS</b>	100m 200m 400m	Heats Heats Heats/Final (Top 3 times)

**NB: Year 7 100 heats will be run on the back straight (in order to speed up the day).**

The 800m is raced on the Wednesday before at school as it allows students to enter more track events.

### Field Events

	<b>BOYS</b>				<b>GIRLS</b>			
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>10:25</b>	<b>10:50</b>	<b>11:15</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>12:25</b>	<b>12:50</b>	<b>1:15</b>
<b>High Jump</b>	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara
<b>Long Jump</b>	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri
<b>Discus</b>	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu
<b>Shot Put</b>	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri

**NB: There will be 2 of each Field Event Areas – Year 7 & 8 Areas**

### Finals

1:45pm	<b>BOYS AND GIRLS</b>	100m	Finals
	<b>BOYS AND GIRLS</b>	200m	Finals
2:00pm			Class Relays



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## IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

Schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. In term three, 50% of schools reported that they did not have enough teachers. Schools are struggling to attract teaching staff, and that problem looks set to worsen.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

Yet, the Government has a bumper surplus of \$5.5 billion, more than enough to fix the issues in primary education (\$0.9b).

### WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- \* **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- \* **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- \* **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future.**

### SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school. Find out more at <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time>

# 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