

Important Dates

19 February

Year 7 EOTC Trips

20 February

Swimming Sports – Pt.
Erin Pools

21 February

Chess Open day in the
Library

25 February

Central Zone Boys
Softball

26 February

Year 8 EOTC Trips

27 February

Central Zone Girls
Softball

2 – 6 March

ASB Get Wise –
Financial Literacy
Education in Maths
Classes

3 March

Core Conferences
Boys 6-a-side Cricket

4 March

Year 7 EOTC Trips

5 March

Core Conferences
Central Zone
Swimming

5 March

Modular Conferences

Principal's Message

I hope you have enjoyed the first three weeks of your 2020 Ponsonby Experience. It is important we establish school culture quickly; you are only here for two years. Events such as the Meet the Teacher Evening, EOTC and the Events Expo are designed to immerse students and whanau into the Ponsonby Experience.

School programmes will now really start to intensify. Homework should be regular, many sports teams have been selected and leadership roles are being established. For our new Year 7's the "Ponsonby Experience" is in full swing. Perhaps the best advice I can give our new Year 7 students is this – *Listen to the Daily Notices, make notes about the events/activities on offer in your Student Planner and get involved in as many activities as you can.*

It is also timely to give you a full break down of the reporting process for the year.

The Reporting Process

Twice a year a report will come home, at the end of Terms Two and Four. These will contain grades for every subject area, student's work ethic and teacher comment.

Student Led Conferences with parents, teachers and the student also occur throughout the year. The Module subjects have conferences half way through their programme – usually about Week Six of each term. The Module subjects are Art, Performing Arts, Music, Science, Home Economics, Textiles and Design, Exploring Technology, Social Sciences and Learning Languages. We also include Health and Physical Education with the Modular conferences. The Core subjects (Mathematics and English) will have three evenings of Conferences in Term One and two evenings again in Term Three.

Module subjects operate on a term-by-term basis, while Core subjects are taught throughout the year.

Meetings with relevant teachers can also be arranged by appointment, to discuss individual students.

Nick Wilson
Principal

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Student Safety (repeat notice)

At the front gate on Clarence Street there are painted yellow lines which indicate that there should be no stopping or parking. These lines are there for reasons of safety. We also have a teacher on duty at the gate for safety reasons. While the majority of parents have proven to be responsible and have not picked up their children on these yellow lines there have been incidents when the teacher on duty has had to remind people about the existence of the yellow lines and the need for caution.

Clarence Street gets very busy at 3:05pm with children being picked up. This situation turns into a traffic jam on wet days, with the whole street getting blocked up. A very dangerous situation for hundreds of children exiting the school all at once.

There are alternatives to picking up your child at the front gate at 3:05pm. Firstly we have a rear car park at the bottom of Sheehan Street where there is far less traffic. Your child could meet you there. Another idea is to avoid the 'Rush' altogether, which only ever lasts 10 minutes, and pick your child up 10 – 15 minutes later than usual.

The main car park on Clarence Street cannot be used for picking up or dropping off children.

Showquest

This year our school will be entering Showquest, which is a Performing Arts initiative for NZ students, from primary through to high school. In the past Ponsonby has presented some fantastic work through this platform. It is a great opportunity to perform on a large stage (Aotea Centre). Our piece this year is called "Slow Down and Smell the Roses" and incorporates, dance, movement, drama, visual design and music. Our piece reflects the ever busy lives of our modern children and serves as a reminder to stop and live in the moment. Workshops have been taking place for interested students and auditions begin next week. The competition show will take place in Week 10 of Term 2 (30th June - 3rd July), night to be confirmed in the coming weeks. More detailed Information will come home next week. If you have any questions at this stage please contact Katief@ponsint.school.nz.

Phones and Valuables at School

Students can bring their phone to school. They must hand in their phone to their form teacher before 8:35am. The phones are locked away in a safe area in the form class. Students can then collect their phone from their form class at the end of the day. Phones are not to be used or in the students' possession during school time, no exceptions. This is to ensure teachers can monitor the use of devices and keep students safe from social media sites during school time. The school Wi-fi has a monitoring programme that restricts students from accessing social media.

It is also expected that all students' valuables be handed in and locked away. One trending valued item is AirPods, these are a good example of a 'valuable' item that must be handed in for safe keeping during school hours.

Students should not carry around large amounts of cash.

Should you find valuables that are not yours, please discreetly return them to the school office.

World Challenge Overseas Trip

Due to the current difficulties around international travel, we have made a decision to postpone our school overseas trip to Cambodia until end of term 3 (late September). Our parent meeting will now be in **Term 2 Thursday 8th May at 6:30pm**. At this meeting you will receive all the necessary information and have the opportunity to ask World Challenge some questions.

Some important information:

The trip is 12 days and is focussed around immersing the students in the Cambodian culture. You will need to apply once you have all the information after the Parent/Caregiver meeting, on the 8th May.

Once you have applied online, the teachers attending the trip will interview each candidate and then make a decision on who will attend the trip.

This is the second year we have travelled to Cambodia with World Challenge and we are looking forward to another well organised and exciting trip.

Lost Property

Please ensure everything brought to school has your child's name (first and last) and room number on it. All items found around the school are sorted by the monitors and returned to the student's Form Room for collection. Unnamed items are located in the hall foyer and you are welcome to come and have a look if your child has misplaced something.

Homework Club

Homework Club starts next Wednesday. This is a free after school activity run by the teachers at our school to support students in completing and understanding their homework. Permission slips are at the front office. Contact rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz for more information.

Learning Centre Open Morning

Parents with students who have been identified as needing some additional support with our Learning Centre team will be invited to hear what is happening in our programmes. This is time to hear about the types of programmes we run and how we support the students. We

will be holding this on the 4th of March at 9.15am. Keep an eye out for emails coming your way! Contact rachelm-s@ponsint.school.nz if you want to know more.

Sports update

Netball - Parent/Player Meeting

Year 7 and Year 8 netball trials have now been completed, thanks to the efficient support from Netball North Harbour selector Michelle Wallace and her team.

There will be a parent/player meeting on **Tuesday 10 March at 6pm** in the Ponsonby Intermediate school hall for all girls and boys playing netball and their parents. This meeting will cover important information about practice times, transport, umpires, costs, Code of Conduct and Netball North Harbour expectations. Following this discussion, teams will break out to organise their coaches/managers for the season and to collate player emails - we need parents to volunteer for these roles to ensure Ponsonby Intermediate teams have a successful netball season. **It's important EVERY PLAYER ATTENDS THIS MEETING with their parents/caregivers.**

Swimming Sports

Our School Swimming Sports will be held at Point Erin Pools, Thursday 20 February.

Year 7 Classes:

Assemble on the Basketball Court at 8.35am – walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme begins at 9.00am.

Year 7 students will finish the programme at 12:00pm, have lunch at Point Erin Park and wait until the Year 8 students have entered the pool.

Year 8 Classes:

Assemble on the Basketball Court 11:00am at the end of Interval. Walk to Point Erin Pools where the programme starts at 12:15pm. Finish at 2.30pm and walk back to school.

All Students will need:

Togs, Towel, Sweater or Rain jacket, Sunhat, Sunscreen, Lunch and their drink bottle.

Finals will be held in Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. All events are 33 metres in length, apart from 100m Freestyle. There are 2 fun races if time allows. All students are encouraged to enter at least 2 events, and will accumulate House Points.

If your child cannot participate in the Swimming Sports, please make sure you have organised a note that is to be given to the form teacher on the morning of the event.

There is no use of the Point Erin Tuck-shop, no chewing gum, energy drinks, fizzy drinks, and no glass bottles to be taken. Full programme at the end of this newsletter.

Being safe to and from school (Scooters and Bikes)

It is great to see so many students biking and scootering to school. However, we encourage you to talk with your child about being safe to and from school. We have had a number of concerned members of the public contact the school regarding students being in the middle of the road and weaving in and out of traffic.

We ask that all students wear helmets and also think about making good decisions around keeping themselves. Electric scooters in particular have been mentioned often, so please support us to ensure that students are keeping safe before and after school.

HPV immunisation for Year 8 Students

There are two rounds of HPV immunisations. The first is on the 17th of March. If your child misses this date there is a catch up on the 24th of March. Please return forms and return them to form teachers.

Any questions please contact our Starship Community Nurse: HMorris@adhb.govt.nz

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:

Tuesday 3rd March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE1 Code: 59uvc)

Thursday 5th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE2 Code: 5mmdw)

Thursday 19th March – 3:30 – 8:00pm (CORE3 Code: gkz3w)

Modular Conferences

Thursday 12th March 3:30pm - 8:00pm (MODULE code: hudxq)

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:

Katie Fiddian: Teaching Rooms 11, 15

Kristen Rees: Teaching Rooms 3, 12, 16

Sarah Howie: Teaching Rooms 1, 9, 25

Penelope Dunn: Teaching Rooms 17, 23

Kellie Spencer: Teaching Rooms 14, 21, 30

Shelley Upchurch: Teaching Rooms 8, 26, 28

Angela Lane: Teaching Rooms 18, 20, 22

Andrea Sherrock: Teaching Room 6

Maths:

Cherie Bolesworth: Teaching Rooms 8, 14, 15

Ian Wannamaker: Teaching Rooms 1, 12, 21, 25

Jaimi Athy-Timmins: Teaching Rooms 11, 18, 22, 30

Katherine Busch: Teaching Rooms 6, 17, 23, 28

Rahul Rodricks: Teaching Rooms 3, 9, 16, 20

Andrea Sherrock: Teaching Room 26

Module Teachers:

Design and Textiles: Lorna Cooney

Teaching Rooms 3, 14, 20, 22, 28

Art: Sarah Valintine

Teaching Rooms 3, 14, 20, 22, 28

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

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

Music: Paul Curtis

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

Health & P.E: Sam Jardine

P.E & Health - Teaching Rooms - 3, 6, 11, 17, 23, 28, 30

P.E - Teaching Rooms - 12, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

PE & Health - Teaching Rooms 1, 8, 9, 14, 20, 25, 26

Health - Teaching Rooms 12, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22

Home Economics: Jody Hart

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

Science: Margaret Marsick

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

Science: Zoe Soppet - not available**Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson**

Teaching Rooms: 6, 16, 23, 26, 30

Social Sciences: Jo McCullagh

Teaching Rooms: 1, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28

Learning Languages: Haise Leung

Teaching Rooms: 3, 6, 9, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22, 25, 30

ASB Get Wise

One of the concepts the students will be learning about in Mathematics this term is Financial Literacy. We feel it is important for the students to learn about the practical application of Mathematics, in this case budgeting, taxes and how to be smart with money. ASB will be running workshops for all of the students between the 2nd and 6th of March. Every student will attend these workshops during one of the Mathematics classes.

Green and Gold Day – Aussie Bushfire Support

Friday saw Ponsonby show support for our Australian neighbours who are doing it hard at the moment. Thanks to Mrs Fiddian and the Councillors who organized a variety of events throughout the day



Ponsonby Intermediate Events and Activities Expo

Thank you to all those who attended the Events and Activities Expo. We hope you are now more familiar with what is planned and on offer in 2020.





School Website and App

We have a new school website and an app you can download to keep up to date with what's happening at Ponsonby Intermediate School. We encourage you to take some time looking at the website and download the new app.

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz>

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KiwiSchools Connect
Mobile App**



App Store



Google Play

Leys Institute Library Closed

Kia ora kotou to our local schools,

As you may already be aware, Leys Institute Library was closed late last year until further notice, due to seismic issues.

We just want to be sure that all schools are informed as we know many school children in the area have used the library as a place to get dropped off or picked up by their parents or caregivers, as well as for study.

Please pass this information on to parents and caregivers.

Ngā mihi,

The Leys Institute Library team

Swimming Sports 2020 – 20 February Programme

9:00am – Year 7 Programme starts

12:15am – Year 8 Programme starts

Heats

Event	Grade	
100m Freestyle	Boys	(Straight final)
100m Freestyle	Girls	(Straight final)
33m Backstroke	Boys	
33m Backstroke	Girls	
33m Freestyle	Boys	
33m Freestyle	Girls	
33m Breaststroke	Boys	
33m Breaststroke	Girls	
33m Butterfly	Boys	(Straight final)
33m Butterfly	Girls	(Straight final)
33m Running Race	Boys	(If time allows)
33m Running Race	Girls	(If time allows)

Finals

Event	Grade	
33m Backstroke	Boys	
33m Backstroke	Girls	
33m Breaststroke	Boys	
33m Breaststroke	Girls	
33m Freestyle	Boys	
33m Freestyle	Girls	
Class Relay	2 Boys and 2 Girls	Form Teacher organises Team



**2020 WESTLAKE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
NETBALL COACHING CLINIC WITH APRIL IEREMIA
Sunday 23 February 2020**

Attention Year 1 – 8 netballers, get your friends and team together and let us get you ready for your school Netball trials at our annual Netball Coaching Clinic. Join us for a 3-hour coaching session of skills and games.



There are two options for clinics but please only register of one of them. Drop off your child and then collect them 3 hours later. Spots will be secured on a first in first served basis so tell your friends.

Clinic times: 9.30-12.30pm or 1.30pm – 4.30pm

The coaching clinics which have been very popular and successful in previous years. Run by Westlake Girls Premier Coach and former Silver Fern April Ieremia, your children will be guided by some of Westlake's top players. The coaching sessions focus on the fundamental skills of passing, footwork, attacking, defending and shooting technique ... a great way to start the year.

To register go to <https://www.westlakegirls.school.nz/netball-clinic/>

NB: Please select just **one clinic** on Sunday 23 February 2020. All the information is on the website. All payments must be made into the nominated account found on the registration form.

COST: \$35

CONTACT: April Ieremia. Email: aieremia@westlakegirls.school.nz



TRANS TASMAN CHALLENGE

Trans Tasman rivalry is back at The Trusts Arena for a pre season hit out with the Northern Stars, NSW Giants & Melbourne Vixens. Don't miss the opportunity to see your favourite players in action, meet our partners and let the kids be entertained in our Kids Zone.

Friday 14th February 2020

Doors Open 3pm

4pm



VS



NORTHERN STARS

GIANTS NETBALL

6pm



VS



NORTHERN MYSTICS

MELBOURNE VIXENS

Saturday 15th February 2020

Doors Open 11am

12pm



VS



NORTHERN STARS

MELBOURNE VIXENS

2pm



VS



NORTHERN MYSTICS

GIANTS NETBALL

Venue: The Trusts Arena, Waitakere City

Tickets: **Daily Pass** Adults \$10 Child \$5

Two Day Pass Adults \$16 Child \$8

Tickets on sale at: www.northernmystics.co.nz

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PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO?

Open to all Ponsonby Intermediate School students.

WHEN?

Lessons are held after school at Ponsonby Intermediate School, on Mondays.

WHERE?

Ponsonby Intermediate School

LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

For more information

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In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guesstimate what skills our children need in order to prepare them for an uncertain future.

However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is; the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

In a nutshell this is exactly the family of skills that Head Held High speech and drama lessons are designed to develop.

At Head Held High we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our lessons, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part of!

In addition to all of the above, Head Held high students also have the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications by sitting Trinity College of London or NZ Speech Board examinations.

To enrol for your FREE trial lesson simply visit:

www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high

Or, if you've got questions, we're happy to answer them! Simply email: kateimlach@headheldhigh.co.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