

18 March 2020

## Important Dates

### 18 March

Year 7 EOTC Trips -  
Cancelled

### 19 March

Core Conferences

### 20 March

Market day –  
Cancelled

### 24 March

HPV Catch up – year 8  
BoT Meeting 6pm

### 30 March

School Photos

### 2 April

School Social 7pm –  
9pm

### 9 April

Term 1 Showcase  
(TBC)  
End of Term – 3:05pm

### 10 April

EASTER FRIDAY

### 27 April

ANZAC DAY

### 28 April

Start of Term 2

### 5 May

CZ Futsal - Boys

### 5 May

CZ Futsal - Girls

## Principal's Message

These certainly are unprecedented times and as the school leader I will always take a considered and pragmatic approach. As I mentioned in Tuesday's letter the information coming from the Ministry is clear, it is unfortunate we are forced to cancel the Market Day on Friday, run split assemblies, and cancel our EOTC trips, but that is how it is.

I believe it is important we talk to the students about Coronavirus, as when kids are kept in the dark they worry. Information about COVID-19 is everywhere, most children will have heard about it and seen people wearing face masks. However, it is also important we don't volunteer too much information, as this can be overwhelming. Here is a fantastic message from the Child Mind Institute, it is well worth a watch.

[https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=READ%20MORE&utm\\_campaign=Weekly-03-16-20](https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=READ%20MORE&utm_campaign=Weekly-03-16-20)

The message about sticking to routine really makes sense to me. At school, as much as possible, we will proceed with positive normality.

At this stage the Student Led Conferences continue as planned. However, all intermediate school sport has been put on hold.

Regards,

**Nick Wilson**

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## Sports Updates

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### **Netball**

Ponsonby Intermediate Netball teams will start weekly competition games in Term 2. It is encouraging to have so many parents involved as Coaches and Managers to support the teams during the season. We also have three Year 8 students Brooke Margison, Molly Cooper and Elise Whitehead who have committed to coaching the Year 7/6 team and were welcomed by the teams parents to do this. Fantastic to see students here taking on the tuakana-teina approach (teaching and learning in Te Ao Maori context), relationships teaching and learning between an older (tuakana) person and younger (teina) person. Teams will be up in the hall foyer on Friday.

### **Central Zone Swimming**

25 Ponsonby students competed at Diocesan School for Girls on Thursday 5th March in the Central Zone Swimming Champs. We had swimmers competing in every event with some successfully qualifying for finals. In fact all of the relay teams qualified for the finals. We had 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th placings in the finals with Troy Blijevens, Tom Kenny and Jasper Stevenson qualifying for Interzone Swimming. Well done to all those that swam on the day!



Next week we will hear about how our League Tag teams got on at the CZ competition.

## Bus Behaviour

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We have had a number of incidents on the school buses to and from school involving inappropriate and unsafe behaviour. We would appreciate your support with regards to ensuring that students are following our School Values outside of school. Although the students are not in school, it is still our responsibility to ensure all students are safe.

If you are aware of any behaviour that may be deemed unsafe or inappropriate please inform the school office or your child's form teacher.

## School Photos

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Ponsonby Intermediate School Photos will be taken on Monday 30th March. The students will get a class photo and an individual photo taken. Students will need to wear their school uniforms. There are time constraints for taking all of the photos. **If your child is late and misses their photo we will unfortunately not be able to retake their class photos.** All

students will bring home a notice with more information about how to order the photos. If you would like sibling photos please get an additional notice from the office. Any questions please email [cherieb@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:cherieb@ponsint.school.nz)

## Market Day and EOTC – Cancelled

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Market Day and All EOTC trips are cancelled until further notice. This is by instruction from the Ministry of Education and the Guidelines around staying safe regarding COVID-19.

We will keep you up to date regularly through our Parent/caregiver contact list and our school app/website.

We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this has caused and if you had already made purchases for your Market Day stall prior to the cancellation. We thank you for your understanding during this time.

If you did not receive our Market Day or EOTC alerts via email regarding cancellations, please check with the office that we have your correct details.

## New Tech Expert Leaders

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Mr Andy Wilson would like to congratulate the successful applicants to join the team of Tech Experts leaders for Ponsonby Intermediate.

**New Year 7 Tech Experts:** Romir Shah, Wayne Gao, Joshua Morris, Indi Taylor, Vanshika Kashyap, Oisin Dyer-Causton, Sabina Tunnicliffe, Fletcher Dickens, Zara Brooker, Matthew Stubbs, Arnold O’Neill, Lucy Carroll, Andrei Iacob.

**New Year 8 Tech Experts:** Min Luong, Charles Lu, Becky Green, Morgan Lindesay, Shyamal Naran, Sachet Khare, Oliver Stevenson, Bob Luu, Krisha Kothari, Adrika Adityan.

## Ponsonby Intermediate Jersey Order Process

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We now have a jersey available to students. You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) using the link below. Ordering for this garment are open now and close Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

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 students 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.

We also have track pants coming soon as well, ready for winter. More information will be coming about this in the coming days. The track-pants will be ordered the same way as the hoodie and are not compulsory. Estimated cost will be around \$45.00.

<http://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/catalogue/school/ponsonby-intermediate/>



## Ponsonby Intermediate and Nano-Girl Podcast

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Four students participated in a Nanogirl Podcast at the end of last year, visiting Auckland Zoo. It was a brilliant day and this podcast is awesome. The students were brilliant, I am very proud of them

See the link below. The episode is “What’s the smartest animal?”

[www.nanogirllive.co.nz/podcast](http://www.nanogirllive.co.nz/podcast)

Thanks Mrs Marsick

## School Website and App (repeat notice)

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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>

# Get the KiwiSchools Connect Mobile App



## COVID – 19, Useful videos suggested by Ministry of Education

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You may also have seen two very useful videos you could share with your parent community to help both parents and children better understand the virus:

- Nanogirl video clip with a great explanation for kids about coronavirus
  - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)
- Watch the Prime Minister talk about coronavirus with Dr Michelle Dickinson and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard,
  - [Watch on the PM's Facebook page](#)
  - [Read and watch on the Newshub website](#)

# After-School EMPOWERMENT

*This is an incredible powerful and empowering 8-week online class to inspire and motivate youth to be the best version of themselves.*

*Working on self-image, overcoming fear and pressure, goal setting, how to reach those goals, positive self-talk and visualisation in a fun and empowering environment.*

*Perfect for anyone from Year 7 to 13 that is looking to beat anxiety, learn to deal with bullies, get confidence, be happier, improve academic and sporting results and improve overall self-belief.*

“Always remember  
you are braver  
than you believe,  
stronger than  
you seem, and  
smarter than  
you think” –  
Christopher Robin



TERM TWO 8-WEEK CLASSES,  
MONDAY'S FROM 4TH OR  
TUESDAY'S FROM 5TH MAY,  
5.30PM-7PM  
ONLINE THROUGH  
A WEBINAR SESSION.  
\$320

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## **Business For Sale – Home Staging**

Home staging is a great business if you have interior design flair and love to be creative! You have the chance to meet all sorts of people and let your creative streak run riot! This is a fun industry in which to express those ideas you have about how to make a home look its very best to attract attention online and get lots of people to the open homes during the marketing campaign. The fact that this business can be operated in school hours is a real bonus. I have eight sets of furniture, warehoused locally. I have developed strong relationships with real estate agents who use my services regularly. My clients have given me glowing testimonials, so you would be taking over a business with happy clients and a great reputation. It has a beautiful website already done which acts as the perfect shop front for your business. I will show you the ropes and get you set up to run the business successfully during the handover period; using the many templates and operating procedures I have developed. Regrettably health issues mean I have to me sell my home staging business. If you would like more information call Alison on 022 040 2844 for a confidential discussion about this great opportunity.

# Hauora | Ponsonby

## Student Well-being | Intermediate School

Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

The Whare Tapa Wha model represents aspects of Hauora (well-being) as the four walls of a whare. Each wall represents a different dimension of Hauora. All four dimensions are important for our overall well-being.

### Te taha HINENGARO

#### Mental and Emotional Well-being

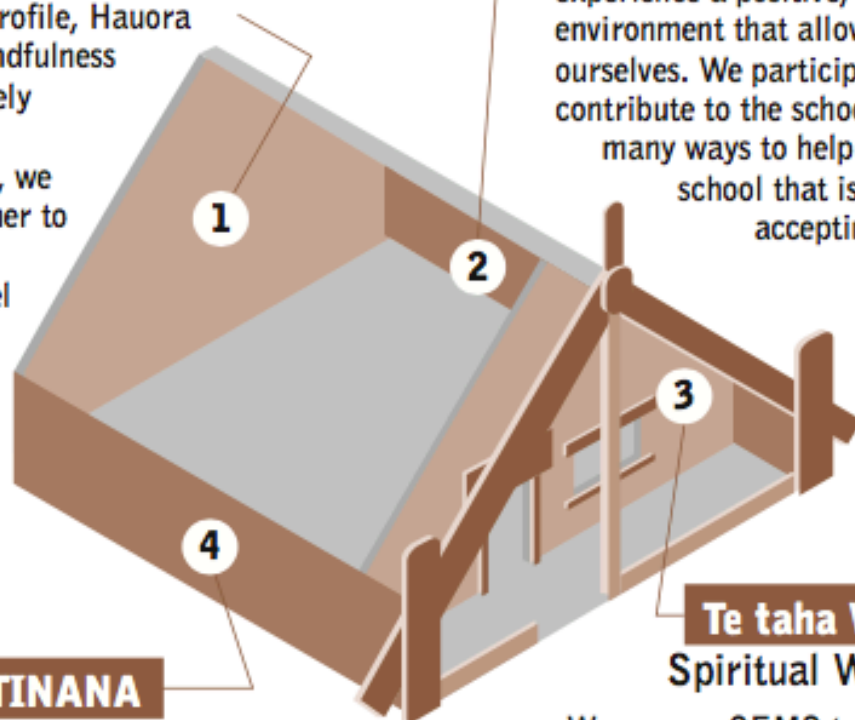
Our school uses a number of tools and programmes to help students look after their mental and emotional well-being; Graduate Profile, Hauora lessons, mindfulness and Positively Ponsonby.

As a school, we work together to ensure all students feel safe and valued.

### Te taha WHANAU

#### Social Well-being

During our time at Ponsonby we will experience a positive, safe environment that allows us to be ourselves. We participate and contribute to the school culture in many ways to help create a school that is inclusive and accepting of everyone.



### Te taha TINANA

#### Physical Well-being

As Ponsonby students we participate in a range of activities that help us look after our Physical well-being. Ponsonby also offers extra-curricular activities outside of the NZ Curriculum so that all students have an opportunity to find their passion.

### Te taha WAIRUA

#### Spiritual Well-being

We use our GEMS to understand what our attitudes, beliefs and values are at Ponsonby Intermediate.

We share our own cultural values with each other so we can understand one another and what makes us who we are.



# 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