## **Newsletter** Ponsonby Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

#### 26 June 2020

#### Important Dates

**30 June** Core Conferences

1 July TALENT QUEST FINALS @ 1:15pm

2 July Core Conferences

**3 July** Showcase 1:20pm End of Term 3:05pm

**20 July** Start of Term 3

**22 July** Great House Race

**23 July** School Photos

28 July Open Morning

CZ Boys Netball

**BoT Meeting** 

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**29 July** Roadshow Practise Day

**3-7 August CULTURE WEEK** and **Roadshow** on tour

## Principal's Message

We have been back in action for six weeks now and all the students' hard work is coming to the fore. It is also time to invite parents to join in the celebrations too, please book these up coming events in your calendars.

**Talent Quest** – This could be the best Wednesday afternoon you have had this year! We have 15 different acts making the finals. I'm always so proud and blown away by the Ponsonby 11-13 year old talent we have.

Hall entry from 1:15pm, possible car parking on the field if dry. Please see more details in this newsletter.

Talent Quest coupled with Showquest (J Rock) forms the essence of the Roadshow that performs at local primary schools. We then have a "mega" Performance Evening for all Ponsonby whanau on 12 August at 7pm.

**Showcase for Rooms – 1, 11, 17, 18, 25.** The five classes attending the Performing Arts and Music module this term will be ready to present their work on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 1:20pm. This is the great way we end each term here at Ponsonby, with students performing for students (and parents, you are most welcome). Mrs Cullen, Mr Curtis and the students have had to work double time due to the shortened term. While performing in front of all your peers is not everyone's cup of tea, let's support these youngsters in their brave learning journey.

**Speeches** – In my previous newsletter, I mentioned students were working on their speeches and thanked you in advance for your support of them. Most classes are in the "presenting" phase now and the finalists will be notified early in Term 3.

Mid Year School Reports – These will now be issued on Friday 21 August. Our research tells us this is plenty of time to organize

secondary school enrolment, however, if you have extraordinary requirements please contact your form teacher.

Finally, I need to mention the traffic chaos that is caused on Clarence St by parents picking up students on wet days. If you can organize a pick up spot with your child or delay your pick up that would help with safety. The rush only lasts about 5 minutes. Students are able to turn their phones back on from 3:05pm.

Happy Friday

Nick Wilson Principal

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## Attitude talk - Friendship Factor

On Wednesday of this week we had a special guest from an organisation called Attitude talk to the whole school about friendships. The speaker talked about what makes a good friendship and gave the students some strategies/skills around building positive friendships. During lockdown, students had to adapt the way they interact and build new friendships. It is now more important than ever for students to understand what makes a good friend and how they play a vital role in shaping who we are. We understand that lockdown was a difficult time for students and they may have struggled to build strong friendships through digital media during this time, which we know is not quite the same as real world interactions.

We hope that the engaging way the talk was delivered, with a balance of humour and serious tones, allowed students to clearly understand their responsibility to ensure friendships are positive and nurturing.

It would be great if you could have a chat with your child over the weekend about this Friendship talk. Some things you could have a discussion about are: what did they find helpful about the talk and what might they use from the talk to help them in the future.

## **Puberty Education**

During term 3, Health lessons will be focusing on Body Systems and Puberty "Discovering Me". The learning outcomes for this unit will enable students to work towards achievement of *Health and Physical Education* guidelines mentioned in the *New Zealand Curriculum*. This unit reinforces what the Year 8 students learnt last year, in more depth and will introduce key concepts to Year 7 students.

Students will learn about:

- The Body Systems.
- The physical, mental and emotional, social, and spiritual growth and development that occur and the new needs that arise during puberty.
- Strategies to manage the changes they will experience.

Students will receive a letter next week informing parents about Puberty lessons. If you wish for your child to be withdrawn from the class while a specific activity is being taught, please make this known in writing to the Principal before Monday 20 July 2020.

## Matariki

Matariki is the Māori name for a cluster of stars which is visible in our night sky at a specific time of the year. In 2020, the Matariki cluster set on 15 May and returns from 13–16 July. The Matariki period is 13–20 July. Matariki has nine visible stars, according to a leading Māori astronomer. The nine visible stars include: Matariki, Tupuārangi, Waipuna-ā-Rangi, Waitī, Tupuānuku, Ururangi, Waitā, Pōhutukawa and Hiwa-i-te-Rangi. Each star holds a certain significance over our wellbeing and environment, as seen from the Māori view of the world. To celebrate Matariki at Ponsonby, Cultural Leaders will be holding activities at lunchtime next week.

## **School Photos**

School photos will be happening on Thursday 23rd July, Week One Term Three. The students will be getting class photos and individual portraits taken on this day. If you would like your children to have sibling photos taken please get a form from the school office. The students are to be in full school uniform for their photos.

A couple of weeks after the photos have been taken the students will bring home a unique Keycode which you can use to view and order your child's photos.

## **Options Classes – Term 3**

The following Options are available next term.

French: Mr Wannamaker - Room 1 Bonjour! Salut! Hello! Hi! Ever thought of trying a new language? No experience needed, just a positive attitude and an interest in exploring some of the amazing things French. We draw, eat, learn, sing, listen to and talk all things French.	Sketching Club: Mrs R Wilson- Room 2 If you enjoy Art and want to improve your sketching skills then this is the Option for you.
Anime, Manga and Comic Book Club: Mr Rodricks - Room 3 Want to go on an adventure with Tintin, have the elixir of life like Astrix or fight baddies with the OG Spiderman? Come join us as we read, or, write, draw and create our own manga, anime and comics.	Musicals: Mrs Cullen - Room 6 Who loves musicals? We will explore the triple threat and create our own musical theatre show. Be prepared to sing, dance and act. Come along and prepare to have some fun!
I can Animate! : Mr Curtis- Room 7 Like drawing? Using computers to create animations? In this option you can explore different 2D animation programs and create your own.	<b>New Media: Ms Upchurch - Room 8</b> Are you a budding investigative reporter? Do you like searching for the truth? Sift through different types of media - following your interests - and learn to understand Fake News when you encounter it! Brush up on your writing and debating skills, and write a newspaper article or present a news item about an issue in the media that excites you.
Aerobics Adventure: Miss Howie - Room 9 Do you like to be energetic and active? Come give some aerobics a go and enjoy working with a group to come up with an aerobics challenge for the option class	Rocket Challenge: Miss Soppet - Room 14 The students in this option have been pre-selected. Please only choose this option if you are on Miss Soppet's list
For the Love of Knitting: Mrs Marsick - Room 15 Do you knit? Do you want to learn the ancient art of knitting? Join me every Thursday afternoon in Options. Our plan is to make enough squares to make a blanket to donate to the Auckland City Mission or the SPCA, or even our own Library. A new form of mindfulness.	<b>Fitness Fanatics: Mr Jardine - Basketball Court</b> What better time to work on our fitness and develop some fantastic habits than in options?? We will be creating an understanding of fitness, practising and perfecting some classic exercises, and creating our own fitness circuits we can take back for our class Kori time.

The Sculpture Project: Miss Valintine - Room 18 This Sculpture Project is for students who love art and are interested in 3D construction. You will spend some time looking at artists who create amazing sculptures and then you'll get a chance to create something spectacular! You will need to be prepared for a challenge, thinking outside the box and working with a group.	<b>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson - Room 19</b> Welcome to the future! We will be designing in 3D and printing on our newly updated school 3D printers. This option is open to both Year 7 and Year 8 students.
Scrapbooking: Miss Cooney- Room 20 Come and create your very own scrapbook, that you get to keep at the end of the term.	Film Club: Mrs Spencer - Library In Film Club we will watch, analyse and review films. Find out more about camera angles, character and plot development and other elements of film.
<b>Book club/Kids' Lit Quiz: Mrs Dunn - Room 23</b> With the Kids' Lit Quiz now rescheduled for August, this is your second chance to get involved. This option is for our book lovers and for those interested in taking part in the Kids' Lit Quiz. Term 1 Kids' Lit Quizzer please let me know if you are still keen to be involved but can't take this option.	<b>Mindful Mandalas: Mrs McCullagh - Room 25</b> If you enjoy a peaceful space and time to think, then this is the option for you. We will watch a clip on 'how to mandala' and spend time creating your own mandalas or mindful colouring while you listen to music.
Journey through Space: Ms Busch - Room 28 Imagine that you are drifting out in space, travelling through places that no other human has ever been. What do you see? What will you find? What wonders are out there? What dangers will you face? Come and find out in this option.	A Problem Solved: Ms Edwards - Interact Do you enjoy mathematical problem solving? What about the Otago Problem Challenge? In this option we will use logical and lateral thinking to solve problem both mathematical problems and diabolical conundrums. (You don't have to be in the Mathex Trial Team to be part of this option.
<b>Touch Typing: Mrs Maitland-Smith - HUB</b> Come and learn how to type without using the sense of sight to find the keys. You will learn the useful skill of Touch Typing using Interactive learning games and speed.	<b>POP Art Designs: Mrs Murray - Room 17</b> Who loves to draw? In this Option group you'll explore NZ Pop art icon Dick Frizzell to check out his cheeky, cartoonish kiwiana images - 'Mickey to Tiki', 'Popduck', 'The Four Square Man' and 'Ka-pow!' and look at other famous pop artists such as Hockney, Andy Warhol and Lichtenstein. Choose this Option to create your own cool POP art designs!
JUST DANCE: Miss Gibbins- Field (by office) Do you love dancing? Come along to the Just dance option. You will make up a group dance	Mr Bennie / Mr Wilson: Hard-out Sports - Top courts Hard out sports - Into crazy, weird sport? then this is the option for you! We will do a range of games/sports and will spend the last two weeks playing games invented by you!!
<ul> <li>Mrs Sweetman: Yearbook - TBA</li> <li>Students pre selected for this option</li> </ul>	

## ICAS Exams - repeat notice

This year the following Australasian Schools' Competitions are available: Science, English, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Mathematics. Unfortunately, Writing is not being offered this year.

The Australasian Schools' Competitions provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. They can also be used to monitor individual progress in a range of subject-related skills and to recognise and reward achievement at all levels. If your child has strengths in any subject offered we encourage their participation.

Students who participate will each receive a Certificate and a detailed results letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, identifying the skill tested in each question and indicating the percentage of students across New Zealand who answered each question correctly. The results letter is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio.

The entry fees are outlined below. All fees are the same due to the fact that **this year all** exams are completed online.

We require the entry fee by **Friday 31st July 2020.** We are unable to take late entries.

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Subject	Price	Sitting Dates
Digital Technologies	\$17.00	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020
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Science	\$17.00	Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020
Spelling Bee	\$17.00	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020
English	\$17.00	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020
Mathematics	\$17.00	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020
Total	\$85.00	

The actual test dates are as follows:

There will be a meeting for the students who are interested on Friday 12th June, where they will receive a form with the information about how to sign up for the competitions they wish to participate in and payment details.

## Library

All Library books need to be returned by the end of next week. Your help in this would be kindly appreciated.

## Flu Vaccines - message from Auckland Workplace Health

We have about 300 flu vaccines left and they will be destroyed if I return them to HCL, which is a total waste!! We would like to offer them to your family and friends..... The flu vaccine is called AFLURIA QUAD 2020 (Which is THIS' years flu vaccine for the season)

The cost is \$10 CASH per vaccine and are available to anyone over 3 years old. Please bring your family and friends along to this session...FIRST IN FIRST SERVED.

No need to call and make an appointment!! Just turn up! Rain, hail or Shine!

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 3 – 4pm - Ponsonby Intermediate Carpark

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 10 – 11.15am - 47 – 49 George Street Newmarket

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 3 – 4pm - 78 Apollo Drive Rosedale

Since Covid19 is upon us – the Ministry of Health have changed their post vaccination **wait time from 20 min. to 5 min**, unless advised otherwise by the nurse giving the vaccine.

Hope to see you there....

Thank you



Healthy staff Healthy business

## School Tuckshop orders online - repeat notice



Lunch Orders Animation Facebook Link: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/lunchordersnz/videos/260450558398941/">https://www.facebook.com/lunchordersnz/videos/260450558398941/</a>

Lunch Orders Animation Youtube Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/Vrl-loYQWjl">https://youtu.be/Vrl-loYQWjl</a>



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Ponsonby

## Email today: office@ponsint.school.nz

#### Term 2

#### Open Mornings - Tuesday 9 June, Wednesday 10 June, Tuesday 23 June

9:15am - 12:00pm for Year 6 students and parents/caregivers. Students will be invited to come to Ponsonby Intermediate School from 9:15am with their parents/caregivers. This is a chance to see the school in action.

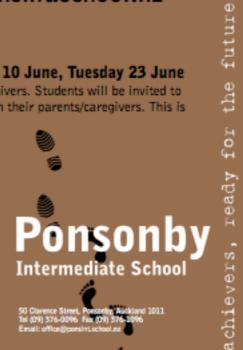
#### Term 3

Open Morning - Tuesday 28 July

Open Evening - Wednesday 12 August

6:00pm - Tours of the School in action 6:45pm - Principals address in the Hall 7:00pm - Ponsonby Performance Evening.

All welcome. Bookings only. Email office@ponsint.school.nz



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## **OPEN WEEK**

School tours with the principal will take place from Monday 27 July to Friday 31 July 2020.

Please register for a tour on our website <u>www.westernsprings.school.nz</u>, or alternatively if you prefer, contact the school office and we will be only too happy to book a place for you and your family. Phone 815 6730. There is a limit of 40 families per tour.

The tours will take approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, and there will be time for a Q&A session at the conclusion of the tour over tea and coffee in the Hall foyer.

Time: 9.15am to 10.30am.

Where to meet? School Hall foyer (Administration block) just prior to 9.15am.

The tours will include both Western Springs College and the Māori immersion kura Ngā Puna O Waiōrea and showcase normal operating school days in a 21st Century learning environment.

Join us for this special opportunity.

Ivan Davis Principal

### Northcote College Open Day Saturday 25 July 2020 12.00 – 3.00pm

You are invited to visit with your family to view the school and talk to staff and current students. Discover exactly what Northcote College has to offer.



## MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

22 June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

#### INFORMATION EVENING FOR IN-ZONE 2021 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS FROM PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

We would like to extend an invitation to Year 8 parents and guardians, and their sons/daughters to attend a presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School in the second week of Term 3.

WHERE: Mount Albert Grammar School in the F.W. Gamble Hall

WHEN: Tuesday 28 July 2020

TIME: 7.00pm-8.00pm

#### EVENING PROGRAMME

- A visual presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School for Year 9 students in 2021.
- Information about our Enrolment procedure for the 2021 intake.
- The opportunity to ask questions about the academic, sporting and cultural opportunities at Mount Albert Grammar School.

To assist with our planning and preparation for this evening we would appreciate you confirming your attendance by either emailing Dimity Payne, email: <u>dpayne@mags.school.nz</u> or phone 846 2044 ext. 8140. Please leave your name, the name of your school and the numbers attending.

As parking is unavailable within the school grounds, we would recommend that you park in the surrounding streets.

We look forward to meeting you at this information evening.

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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?

School Library.

#### **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



For all 9-13 year old BeYOUtiful young women

## One day July holiday workshops

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 9 – 3 pm Ponsonby Intermediate School 50 Clarence Street, Ponsonby

Investment: Pay what you can

#### **Our Vision**

To help young women find confidence within and to teach them tools and strategies to help them to be their BeYOUtiful self-inside and out.

#### Our Mission

We support and encourage young women to be their authentic self. To inspire and gain self-confidence, self-worth and self-care through self-love. To Be YOU and love you.



To register: jacqui@heartplace.co.nz/021.0733.072 or dee@sassyred.com / 022.309.2979 www.facebook.com/beyoutifulyoungwomen

#### Ponsonby Learning Pathway **Our Vision** Articulate, energised achievers; **New Zealand** Ponsonby ready for the future Community Curriculum At Ponsonby Intermediate we value: Showing Expressing Making Growth Respect for Ourselves Connections: Through Learning other People We explore and share our As a member of a class, a We are open to change, Because we have confidence school and a community, thoughts, talents, feelings and beliefs because these treating each challenge as an in who we are, we are able to we are part of a whole. opportunity to learn. As life make us who we are. appreciate and let others be We come together from long learners we strive We get the most out of many different cultures themselves. We care for, to be the best life when we are true and support each other, to learn from we can be. to ourselves. inside and outside each other. the classroom. Personalising Our Path Habits of Mind • Quality Learning Circle • Te Reo • Gifted and Talented • SMART Target Learning Journals Opsitively 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 MART Targets Kev Competencies Mathematics Humanities English The Arts Technology Thinking Thinking Thinking Thinking Thinking Managing Self Relating to **Using language** Relating to others Using language **Relating to Others** symbols and text • Managing Self Managing Self Participating and Contributing symbols and text **Managing Self** Managing Self Others 15