

Newsletter

Ponsonby
Intermediate School

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Kia ora Ponsonby Whanau,

How was your week?

I'm guessing this week has been a frustrating one for all. I hope you have been safe in your bubbles, many of you will have been working from home, monitoring your children's day and trying to stay positive. Half the teachers here are also in that position!

The changes to the Ponsonby Remote Learning package show greater student engagement, which is pleasing. While there are more deadlines for students and greater teacher feedback it is important to do what works for your child and your situation. The way I see it, this COVID crisis is going to be more of a marathon than a sprint. These are not normal times and there will be a drain on yours and the children's resilience. I encourage a path that is sustainable for you and your child. Throughout our morning Zoom sessions with form classes our teachers have been trying to reinforce this message to the students.

Today you will have received your child's Mid-year Report. There will be blank sections as not all subjects have been covered yet. I'd like to thank Mrs Cherie Bolesworth for her massive efforts in getting these ready for you. Cherie has also been running a formclass, leading the Maths team and has two preschool children!

Next week's Remote learning package will be similar, you can expect an email from your form teacher inviting students to their Monday morning Zoom meeting, all work will be ready to go on the Google Classroom.

If your child requires a hard pack for Week 6 please inform the school office and we will prepare these.

Please let the students know our Assembly/PPTV show will be out later today.

Lastly, I would encourage all of our Ponsonby students to spend time over the weekend away from their screens and devices.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Wilson