

# Newsletter

**Ponsonby**  
Intermediate School

Articulate, energised achievers, ready for the future

28 August 2020

Kia Ora Ponsonby Whanau,

This newsletter has information to help everyone organise themselves for school to start up on Monday. Much of this information was also covered in today's PPTV episode we hope the students watched this morning. <https://vimeo.com/452366690>

On Monday morning all students are to make their way to Form class as normal. We have a special programme organised for Monday morning and over the next few weeks to support student well-being and transitioning back to routines after an unsettling time.

There will be a lot of reminders about hand hygiene and maintaining a "personal space". Students may also be asked to wipe down devices and equipment themselves. Students bringing their own device is encouraged and normal BYOD guidelines apply.

The school Tuckshop will be open. Students are encouraged to bring a full water bottle each day. The drinking fountains will not be in use.

**Face Coverings** - As we mentioned on Tuesday, there have been many messages about face coverings. The Ministry of Education assures us that your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school. We will of course support them should they choose to do so. In my opinion, being prepared is always best - I know I'll make sure my own children have a face covering/mask on hand in their bag should they feel it is needed.

**Bus Services** – Information on bus services for students continues to change daily. Many of our students ride public buses, students over the age of 12 will be required to wear a form of face covering. Buses are HOP card use only - No cash.

**I need all parents to follow these 2 next steps please**

- **Read and accept the Level 2 Guidelines below (the green and blue safety rules)**
- **Complete this survey indicating whether your child/children will return to school in Level 2** [Ponsonby Intermediate Students at level 2 Term 3](#)

*Finally*, at Alert Level 2, parents are not encouraged to visit the school grounds. If you do need to come in please make sure you sign in through the school office using the NZ COVID tracer app. This will also apply to Netball coaches, guidance meetings etc...

Have a good weekend, Kia Kaha

**Nick Wilson**

# Health and Safety at Alert Level 2

For Students	For Parents/Caregivers
<p>Students are to enter school grounds as soon as you arrive either by bus, car or any other form of transport</p> <p>Students will arrive and exit the school through the same gate you usually entered before lockdown</p> <p>Students are expected to regularly wash hands throughout the day from set up wash stations and within school bathrooms</p> <p>Students will wait/line up outside bathrooms for available toilets (not inside the toilet block)</p> <p>Students use hand sanitizer when entering each class area</p> <p>Students will stick to their own personal bubble space and give classmates appropriate space in and out of the classroom where 1m is not possible</p> <p>Students will go straight to their form class on arrival at school and are expected to leave the school grounds at 3:05pm</p> <p>Students will bring their own water bottle to school as water fountains may be closed</p> <p>No touching such as handshakes or high fives</p>	<p>Parents must notify the school if your child is NOT attending school. <a href="mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz">office@ponsint.school.nz</a> and complete the form</p> <p>Your child can not attend school during alert level 2 if they have had contact with a suspected COVID 19 case or from someone overseas</p> <p>Or if they are sick, especially if they have any cold or flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, runny nose or cough</p> <p>Parents who enter the school property must sign in at the front office (Clarence Street) keeping to the 2 metre distancing rule</p> <p>If possible, we would prefer your child arrive at school as close to 8:30am. They are to go straight to their form class on arrival</p> <p>Water fountains may still be closed, please encourage your child to bring their own water bottle</p>