

School Camps – payment required

School camp preparations continue and the Ministry of Education's advice is that camps continue in Alert Level 2. I know our students love school camp and this year, more than ever, it is important they can engage in a truly exciting and unique learning experience.

Students have returned the required permission slips, and while I'm not in the business of annoying parents, it is time for payments to be made. Please signal your support and commitment by making payment. All payments will be fully refunded if camps were not to proceed.

Camps are \$290.00, use the link below to pay, reference Camp Fees 2020 and student's name.

<https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/>

Parents who have volunteered to help with camps will be contacted in the next few days. We need all these adult helpers to attend an information evening on **Thursday 17 September** at 6pm.

Also look out for the camp gear lists that will be sent home soon. The camps we have booked for this year are;

Year 7 Camps	Year 8 Camps
Shakespeare Camp Peter Snell Camp Hunua Falls Willow Park	Camp Bentzon Carey Park Marsden Bay

Regards,

Nick Wilson

Principal

Tongan Language Week

Uike 'O Lea Tonga

This week is Tongan Language Week, students have been playing an online quiz, learning to speak Tongan and also looked at some Tongan games.

TikTok video of harmful content

We want to alert you of an extremely disturbing video which has been posted on TikTok, Facebook, Twitter and other social channels which is quickly becoming widely viewed.

Please prevent your children from seeing the shocking scene of a man committing suicide live to camera. This video has been hidden inside other videos of subjects such as puppies and kittens to lure children in so we strongly urge you to not let your children onto social media until this has been removed.

Whilst authorities work to remove this terrible video from the many channels it is streaming across we strongly urge you to not let your children on any social channels for a few days.

The following helplines have been suggested by the Ministry.

Kidsline <http://www.kidsline.org.nz/> ph 0800 54 37 54

Youthline <https://www.youthline.co.nz/> ph 0800 376 633

Lifeline <https://www.lifeline.org.nz/> ph 0800 543 354

Suicide Crisis helpline <https://www.lifeline.org.nz/services/suicide-crisis-helpline> ph 0508 828 865

Netsafe <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/upsetting-content/>

Great House Race

A highlight of the school year is always the Great House Race. Due to the number of changes we have experienced this year, we weren't able to run this in Term 2, however, we will be running this next Wednesday during Recreation.

The Great House Race is where every class competes in one whole school race full of strange challenges, from "toilet paper mummies" to building "card houses", while representing their house. The tasks have been set and classes are busy strategising and practising their activities for the big day. Due to Level 2 restrictions we are unable to have parent spectators on site to watch the event this year but there will be a highlights reel added to our Week 10 PPTV episode.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week. Each day has a different focus. There will be a range of fun socially distant activities on offer in Week 10.



Hoodie and Track Pants Order

You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) and track pants using the link below. Ordering for this garment is open now and closes 25th September.

Your child also has the option of having their name on the back of the hoodie. 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.

We also have track pants as well. The track pants are ordered the same way as the hoodie and are not compulsory but are great for the winter months when doing physical activity.

<https://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/ponsonby-intermediate/>



Teacher Only Day - postponed

We had a Teacher Only Day scheduled for Friday 25 September, however, students have missed enough school and we need them here.

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