

Important Dates

21 October

Ponsonby Cross
Country

23 October

Teacher Only Day
No students at
school

26 October

Labour Day

28 October

Performance
Evening

29 October

CZ Touch – Boys
and Mixed

Mathex Evening
Tinopai School
Visit

Reminders Newsletter

Camps were fantastic last week, thank you for your support. Everyone played their part and the students had a great time - testing themselves with new experiences and making memories they will have forever.

Thank you to those volunteers who attended camps, we could not do it without you. It is your expertise and enthusiasm that helps to make camp such a positive experience for our students.

Finally, thank you to our teachers, running camps can be an enormous ask and they did a great job this year especially considering the uncertainty surrounding camps being able to go ahead.

This newsletter covers some important reminders – Cross Country, Teacher Only Day and our Performance Evening.

Regards,

Nick Wilson
Principal

Ponsonby Cross Country

There is no Central Zone Cross Country due to COVID but we are pleased to announce that we will still be running our School Cross Country, information below:

Cross Country Information

Date: Wednesday 21st October

Save day: Friday 30th October

House meetings: Assemble at 1.25pm sharp in Houses on the Basketball court.

Event Start Times:

Year 7 Girls - 1.40pm

Year 7 Boys - 1.55pm

Year 8 Girls - 2.10pm

Year 8 Boys - 2.20pm

Information regarding race protocol and organisation will be given to the students at our Friday assemblies and in our daily notices. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come along and watch from the road wall along Clarence Street, where you will get a great view of the races. Students have already started training during their Kori time and maps of the course are available for students in our hall foyer.

We encourage all students to participate and those students who are unable to compete due to sickness or injury, must bring a note to their form teacher on the day. If your child is sick we ask that they are kept home as per the Ministry of Health guidelines.

Postponement: If the day is postponed it will be moved to Friday 30th and parents and caregivers will be notified through email and our school websites. Students will also be made aware.

Teacher Only Day – Friday 23 October

As part of the NZEI collective agreement that was passed last year, multiple Teacher Only Days were granted to schools. We have been very mindful of the lack of classroom time this year and cancelled most of them. However, on Friday 23 October we need have a school planning day – teachers will be revising the Ponsonby Curriculum. This date coincides with Labour weekend and other local primary school TOD dates.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Performance Evening and Roadshow – Wednesday 28 October

Last term the Roadshow was a highlight for students returning to their old primary schools to showcase their talents. An extension of the Roadshow will be performed for all of our Ponsonby Intermediate whanau and friends on **Wednesday 28th October at 7pm** for our Performance Evening. This is also where our entire Showquest cast will present their piece *“Slow Down and Smell the Roses”*. We’d love a huge audience so please come along to support the 100 plus cast of this year’s Performance Evening. There will be chips and drinks on sale in the foyer before the show and during half time as well as donation buckets to help support our “Kids to Camp” campaign. The proceeds help to sponsor a number of our students for Term 4 camp.



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