

Important Dates

5-9 August

Culture Week and
Roadshows at Primary
schools

6 August

Central Zone Squash
Camp Parents Meeting
- 6pm in the Hall
BoT Meeting - 6pm

9 August

Heritage Style Day
CZ Girls Netball

14 August

CZ Chess
OPEN EVENING – 6pm

15 August

PERFORMANCE
EVENING – 7pm

16 August

Ponsonby
Intermediate Cross
Country

20 August

Open Morning
Core Conferences
3:30pm – 8pm

21 August

Core Conferences
1pm – 6pm

23 August

School Speech Finals
in Assembly

28 August

Modular Conferences
3:30pm – 8pm

Principal's Message

Students are in the process of writing and delivering their 3 minute speeches. They are also training for Cross Country in the mornings. The 3 minute speech and running Cross Country are possibly some of the only aspects of the school curriculum that remain unchanged from the days when we (parents/caregivers) attended school....and I bet you still remember it!

A few years back, I completed some research into what students perceived as their best piece of writing and the piece they were most proud of. Overwhelmingly, the results were their speeches. They were writing on a topic they were interested in and passionate about. The fact they were to perform it in front of their peers meant they invested more time and dedication into reworking and perfecting the speech than any other writing samples.

3 minute speeches are valuable but also daunting. Let's support our tamariki in this up-coming learning challenge and be proud of them.

Next week will see 70-80 of our students go on the Roadshow tour. They will be visiting 9 primary schools and performing for hundreds of students. Much of the Roadshow are performances born out of the Term 2 Talent Quest, and our award winning Showquest performance will be included too.

However, it is **Performance Evening on Thursday 15 August at 7pm** that you really need to book in your diary. This will be a full hour show with the very best music, dancing, culture and singing we can offer. It brings me much joy to be able to invite you along to this type of event.

Last term we sent out a brief survey on screen time and device use at home, thank you for the many replies. Results showed that on average students had 2-3 hours of screen time per evening, there were a range of challenges and priorities listed and these were

passed onto Rob Cope to assist with the content of his 'Our Kids Online' presentation last night. Thank you for the huge attendance, I know Rob's messages were fairly hard hitting and I'm sure we all took away some informative key messages and helpful solutions.

We will continue with quick fire surveys in future newsletters as part of our community consultation process.

Ngā mihi,
Nick Wilson

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Camp Parents Meeting – Tuesday 6 August

Next Tuesday we have our **Camp Parents Meeting starting at 6pm** in the school hall. All parents are welcome to attend, especially if you are attending camp or helping out with transport.

You will hear from our Principal first and then we will split off into our camp groups to hear further detail about your child's camp.

Parking will be available on the field, weather permitting.

Rob Cope - Our Kids Online Presentation Evening

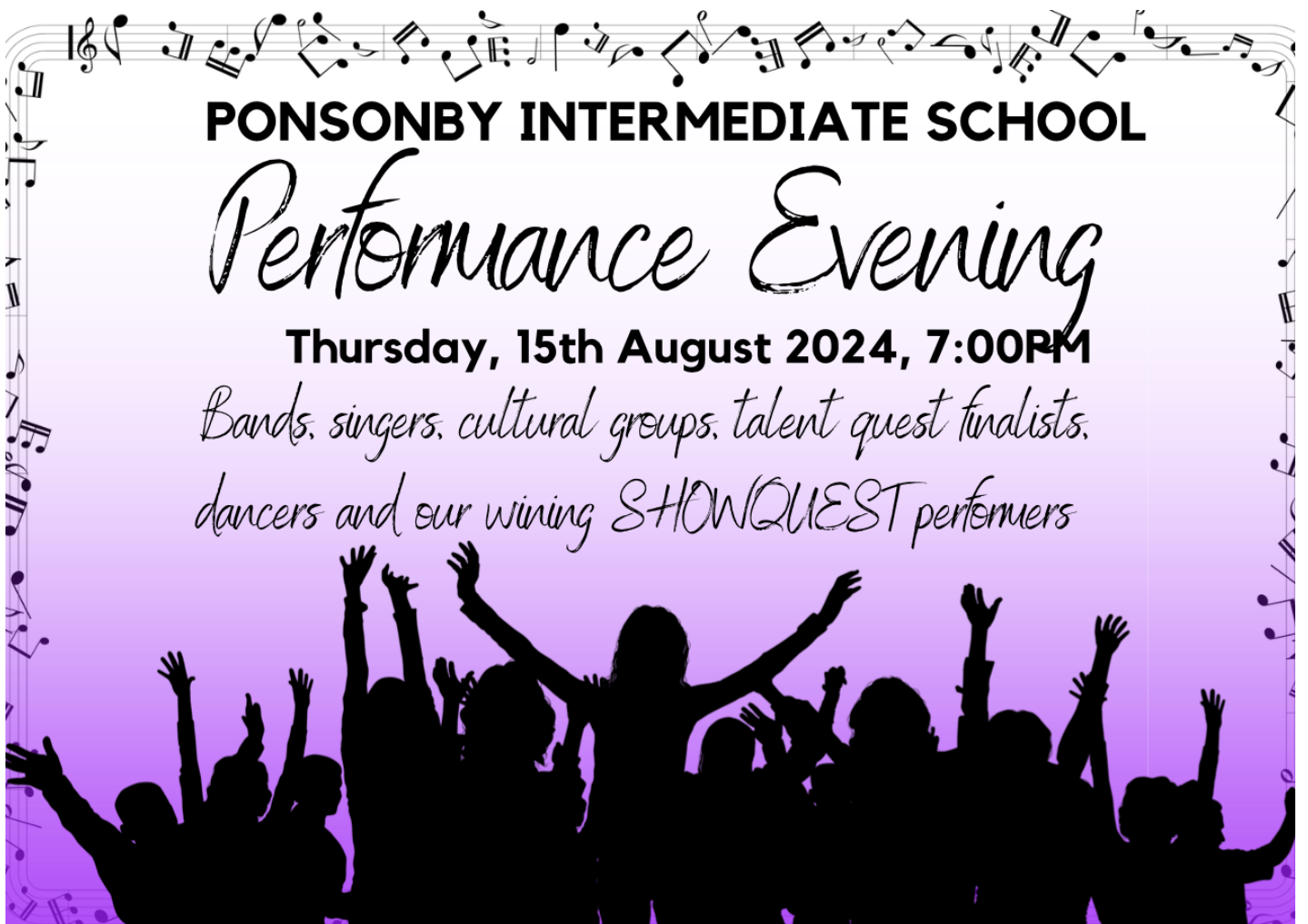
I would like to thank you for attending Our Kids Online Evening last night. It was well received by the parents and a big thank you for your positive emails expressing your appreciation for organising such a helpful and insightful evening.

It is important that we are upfront and honest about what our young people are experiencing online and work together as a community to keep our tamariki safe.

As our principal mentioned, thank you for attending and we look forward to organising more of these types of community events in the future.

Matt Bennie
Deputy Principal

Performance Evening Invite – Thursday 15 August

A graphic for a performance evening invite. It features a purple background with a white musical staff at the top containing various notes and rests. The text is centered and reads: "PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL" in bold black capital letters, followed by "Performance Evening" in a large, elegant black cursive font. Below that, "Thursday, 15th August 2024, 7:00PM" is written in bold black capital letters. Underneath, the text "Bands, singers, cultural groups, talent quest finalists, dancers and our winning SHOWQUEST performers" is written in a black cursive font. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a group of people with their arms raised in celebration. The entire graphic is framed by a decorative border of musical notes and staff lines.

PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Performance Evening

Thursday, 15th August 2024, 7:00PM

*Bands, singers, cultural groups, talent quest finalists,
dancers and our winning SHOWQUEST performers*

Cross Country Information (repeat Notice)

Date: Friday 16 August

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

At the end of this Newsletter is a map of the course.

Core and Modular Conferences Information

This term we have our Core and Modular conferences. There will be booking information sent out next week to all parents

Core Conferences (Math and English)

Tuesday 20 August, 3:30pm – 8pm

Wednesday 21 August, 1pm – 6pm

Modular

Wednesday 28 August, 3:30pm – 8pm

Heritage Style Day – Friday 9 August

Term 3 will start with a strong cultural focus. Culture Week takes place in Week 3, and students will experience a wide range of workshops to learn about different languages and cultures. At the end of the week, all students are invited to come dressed in something that represents their culture. Have a look through the house or ask relatives to find a fabulous outfit to represent your cultural heritage.

HERITAGE STYLE DAY

Friday 9 August



**Come to school
dressed in clothes
that reflect and
celebrate your
cultural heritage**



Culture Week

During Week 3 the normal timetable will stop and all students will be rotating around 10 different cultural based activities. The week is based around two of our school goals – Expressing Ourselves and Making Connections. The students will be learning new languages and traditions from the cultures as well as sports and dance. During this week the Year 7 and 8's will be mixed up in new classes. They will be receiving the new timetable next Monday when they meet their new class and teacher. Some of the cultures are: Niuean, Russian, Indian and Te Ao Māori. It is always a fun week and we are all looking forward to it. Check out Week 4's PPTV to see the highlights and learning from the week.

School TV - Managing Screen time

As a result of the global pandemic, there has been a noticeable shift in the amount of time people spend on screen-based devices. Families are transitioning back to pre-COVID routines but many are still struggling to re-establish the boundaries and rules around screen use. Some continue to deal with digital conflict and tech-tantrums on a daily basis. The latest research found that 77% of teenagers spend more than five hours on screens per day, but it is important to note that not all screen time is considered equal.

Parents play a crucial role in modelling a positive and healthy approach to using screens and assisting children to navigate the content they watch. It is better to model and mentor screen use, rather than monitor it. Children tend to do more of what they see us do, and less of what we tell them to do. However, it is still important to outline the risks and highlight the benefits of screen use to ensure you keep a balanced attitude. Encourage discussions around the issues that people experience in monitoring their screen time and be honest about your own difficulties.

Parents need to remain firm in their approach to managing screen time. Excessive screen time can be detrimental to a child's overall wellbeing. Ensuring the correct privacy settings are in place is vital to prevent children from being inadvertently exposed to inappropriate content or online predators. Parents need to also be mindful of the potential impact screen time can have on a child's social, emotional, educational, behavioural, and even physical domains.

In this edition of SchoolTV, care-givers will be provided with a range of guidelines and strategies to help manage screen time at home.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the **Managing Screen Time** edition of SchoolTV
<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/managing-screen-time>

Camp Fees

The fee for attending camp this year is **\$375.00 per student**. This amount can be paid online using the link below or at the front office.

If you pay online, please follow the instructions with regards to payment details. You can pay in as many instalments as you like leading up to the **due date of September 15th**.

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

If you have any questions regarding camp, your first point of contact is your child's form teachers.

Year 7 Camps	Year 8 Camps
<p><u>Hunua Falls</u> Cherie Bolesworth Cobey Bennett 20 Lauren Collins 12 Jaimi Athy-Timmins 14</p> <p><u>Shakespear Lodge</u> Penelope Dunn 23 Brooke 19 Malachi Faiva</p> <p><u>Chosen Valley</u> Angela Lane 22 Sarah Valintine 18 Kellie Spencer 21</p> <p><u>Willow Park</u> Michelle Murray Ian Wannamaker 30 Holly Britten 17</p>	<p><u>Camp Bentzon</u> Katie Fiddian Chrissie Cullen 11 Inger Moffatt 9 Kristen Rees 3 Sam Hislop</p> <p><u>Carey Park</u> Sarah Howie 25 Andrea Sherrock 26 Sione Taupeeafe 15 Jennie Chatfield 1</p> <p><u>Marsden Bay</u> Kelly Richardson 16 Charlotte Stone 8 Katherine Busch 28 Andy Wilson Paul Curtis</p>

Kids to Camp Sponsorship

Throughout the year, we raise money to sponsor students to attend camp in Term 4.

If you are a parent/caregiver who would like to sponsor a student feel free to follow the link below with the reference 'Kids to Camp'. You can contribute as little or as much as you like. It all helps to ensure students do not miss out on camp due to financial hardship. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

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

Ponsonby Intermediate School Calendar – Term 3, 2024

Dates are subject to change – Changes will be communicated via Newsletter and daily notices

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	22 July	23 July	24 July	25 July	26 July
	International Visitors for 4 weeks	Netball 4pm – 7pm (until 20 August) PP Rep training		Netball 4pm – 7pm (until 22 August)	Netball NH Teams 2+ Tournament
2	29 July	30 July	31 July	1 August	2 August
		CZ Boys Netball Open Morning Our Kids online 7 - 9pm	Attitude Talk @ 11am 'Who am I'	Roadshow Practise Day	
3 Roadshow Week/ Culture Week	5 August	6 August	7 August	8 August	9 August
	Basketball - Year 7 (until 18 November)	Ski Competition Camp Parent meeting @ 6pm BOT Meeting – 6pm			CZ Girls Netball Heritage Style Day
4	12 August	13 August	14 August	15 August	16 August
			Open Evening @ 6pm	Kāhui Ako WSL Day Performance Evening @ 7pm	Ponsonby Cross Country
5	19 August	20 August	21 August	22 August	23 August
		Open Morning Core Conferences 3.30pm - 8pm	Core Conferences 1pm - 6pm	CZ Boys Rugby League	School Speeches in Assembly
6	26 August	27 August	28 August	29 August	30 August
			Modular Conferences 3:30 - 8pm	CZ Cross Country	Out of Zone Enrolments Close
7	2 September	3 September	4 September	5 September	6 September
		PLG's - before or after school			ALA Literacy Association
8 Careers week	9 September	10 September	11 September	12 September	13 September
		BOT meeting	Enrolment Ballot		
9	16 September	17 September	18 September	19 September	20 September
				8:30 HPV2 Y8 G&B Boostrix Y7 catchup	
10	23 September	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 September
	CZ Girls Volleyball			8:30 HPV2 Y8 G&B/ Boostrix Y7 catchup Showcase @ 1:35pm	



Ponsonby Intermediate School

OPEN DAYS



Open Morning Dates

- Tuesday 14th May Thursday 6th June
- Tuesday 11th June Wednesday 12th June
- Tuesday 30th July Tuesday 20th August

Open Evening

Wednesday 14th August
6:00 pm

Registration for visits

office@ponsint.school.nz

Out of Zone Enrolments

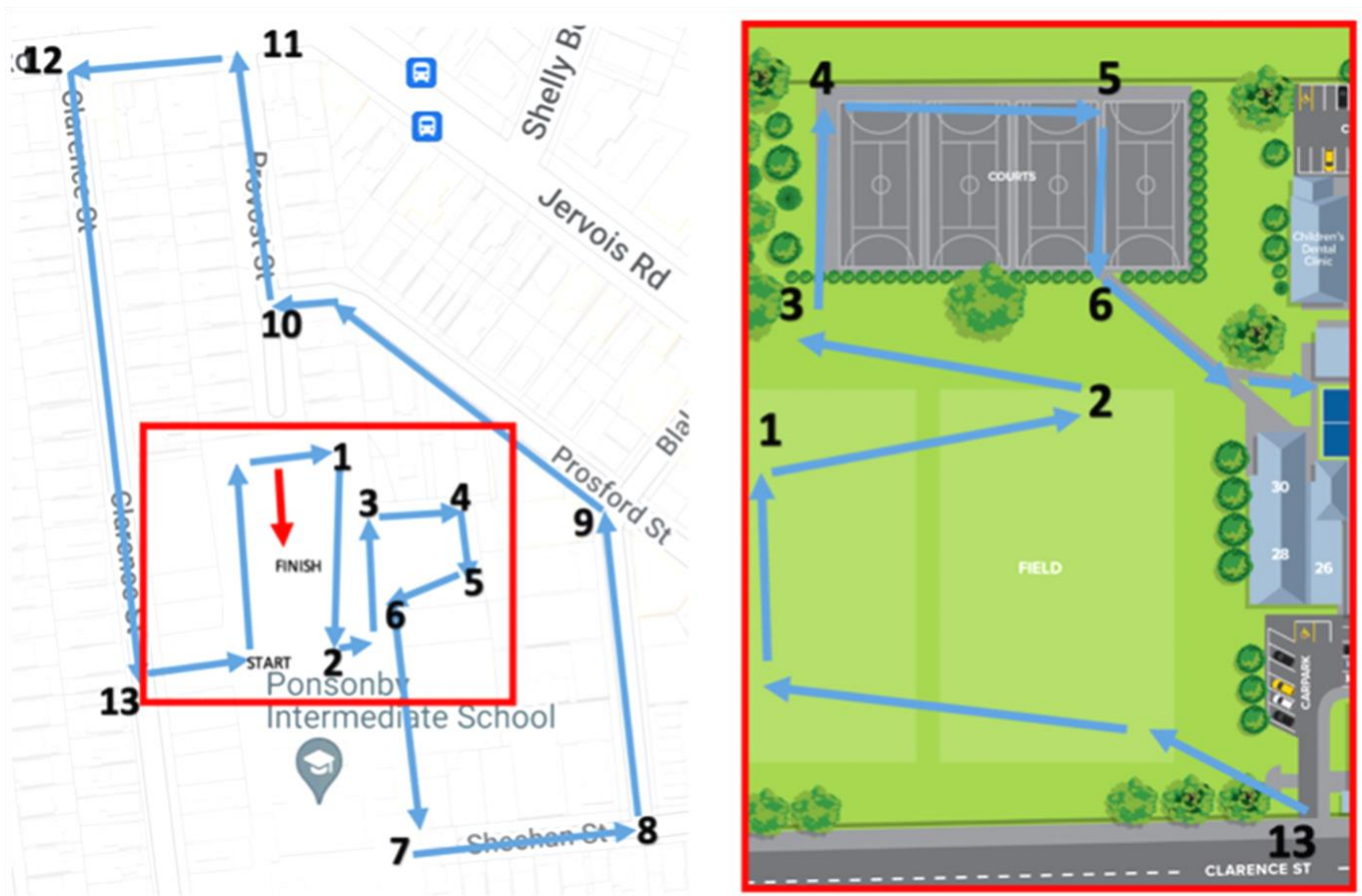
Close: Friday 30th August

- TOUR 1: 9:15AM**
- TOUR 2: 9:45AM**
- TOUR 3: 11:00AM**

Articulate, energised achievers;
ready for the future



Cross Country Map



Hard copy of Map available in our hall foyer

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 members 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 and support each other inside and outside the classroom.

Our Values are GEMS