

14 August 2024

Principal's Message

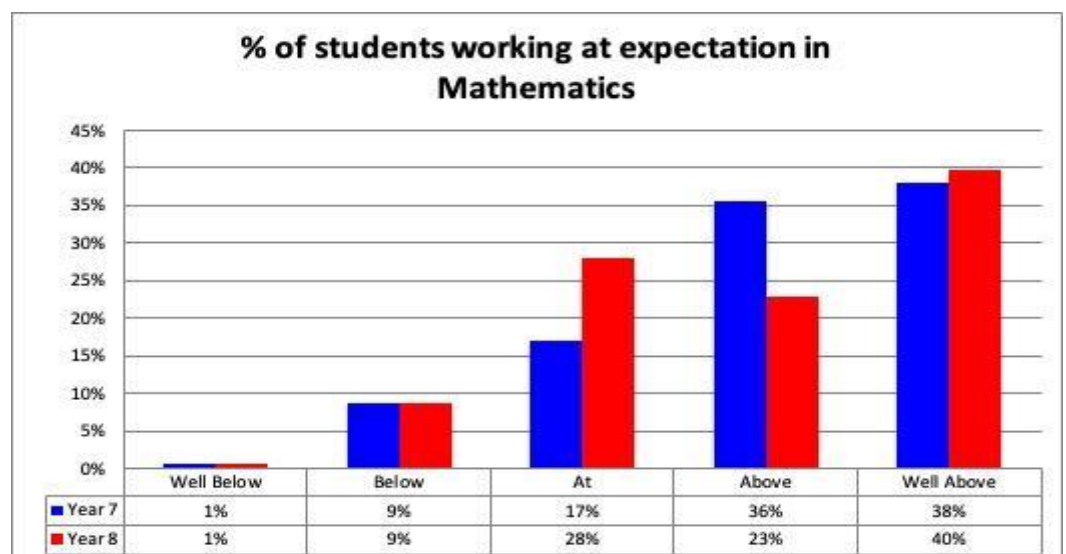
In recent weeks the media all over Aotearoa have been discussing Year 8 Maths data. The Ministry of Education has been tasked with a Maths Curriculum refresh and the implementation date has been brought forward a year, to the start of 2025.

Here at Ponsonby Intermediate our specialist Maths teachers have always taught all strands of the curriculum (Number, Measurement, Geometry, Algebra and Statistics) as well as using *Pr1me* – a world class Maths programme, based on the top-performing Singapore and Korean curriculums. *Pr1me* utilises real life practical applications to problem solving.

I share with you below the Maths achievement data for all Ponsonby Intermediate students at the end of 2023.

We use PAT and e-asTTle testing which provides reliable data and are the recommended tools the current Minister is endorsing.

90% of Ponsonby Intermediate students are at or above standard.



Tomorrow night is our Performance Evening. It is made up of aspects from Talent Quest, school Rockbands, Roadshow and our many Cultural groups, we expect over 140 students to be taking the stage, please come along, 7pm start.

This Friday is our school Cross Country and the following Friday we have the school Speech Finals in Assembly.

Also, check out our Term 3 calendar at the end of the newsletter for more upcoming events.

Ngā mihi
Nick Wilson

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Performance Evening Invite – 15th August



Cross Country Information (repeat Notice)

Date: Friday 16th 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.

Heritage Style Day - Friday 9th August



Kids to Camp Sponsorship

Throughout the year, we are raising money to sponsor students to attend camp in Term 4. With the rising cost of camps and the cost of living, it has made it difficult to ensure every child can attend camp.

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/>

Culture Week



Last week was an explosion of colour and culture as the students moved around learning about 10 different cultures. Alongside all of the activities that the teachers had planned we were lucky to have Vai, Kennedy and Malena come and share their knowledge. It was fantastic to see the students sharing their cultures and learning about new ones while making new friendships and connections. Check out this week's PPTV to see highlights from the week.





School Hoodie and New Trackpants

Last opportunity to order these items in 2024!

You can order the jersey (hoodie or sweater) and track pants including our new cotton material track pants using the link below (cotton on the left). Ordering for this garment is now open and will close on **Monday 26th August**.

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 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.

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



Sports Update

Mountain Biking

Year 7 students Finn Millington, Kobe Walbran-Simon, Roman McDonald and Thomas Heslin have been having a blast competing in local mountain biking pursuits. Last term, on 23rd June, the boys represented Ponsonby Intermediate in the Auckland Schools MTB races at Totara Park. It was a great event with more than 180 riders across all age groups, good results for everyone's first race and lots of fun! See photos below. More recently Finn, Kobe and Roman raced at Waitawa Regional Park on August 4th. For more information on upcoming MTB events and Ponsonby Intermediate Mountain Biking Club, please email Andrew Millington - Andrew@theaccountinghub.co.nz



Skiing

On Tuesday 6th August Snowplanet held the annual Auckland Primary and Intermediate Snowsports Championships. It was a huge day out for schools with 300 competitors registered. Top effort by the Ponsonby team of 16 - Chloe Scott, Jessie Clark, Olivia Bonham-Evans, Sam Graydon, Flynn Grocott, Jack Coop, Emily van Zoggel, Helena Jenks, Sally Youngman, Kobe Walbran-Simon, Mikey Fraser-House, Zachary Holmes, Oliver Dobbs, Ben Molloy, Freddie Earles and Jerome del la Varis. Against tough competition the team gained some great results as follows:

Team Ski Racing

Year 7-8 Boys - 2nd place. Top three rankings: Jack Coop 6th, Flynn Grocott 9th, Sam Graydon 13th.

Year 7-8 Girls - 3rd place. Top three rankings: Chloe Scott 7th, Sally Youngman 10th, Jessie Clark 11th.

Snowboard Racing

Year 7-8 boys - Zach Holmes 7th, Kobe Walbran-Simon 13th.

Individual Ski Slopestyle

Year 7-8 boys - Samuel Symonds was judged 2nd place overall, Flynn Grocott was judged 3rd place overall.

Year 7-8 girls - Chloe Scott was judged 3rd place girl overall.





Netball

Ponsonby's netball teams Year 8/1 and Year 7/1 were out on Friday 9th August competing in the Central Zone Girls Netball Tournament. This is always an exciting day out for these teams having the opportunity to compete against Auckland schools who don't play in their weekly netball competition at North Harbour.

Year 7/1 played confidently in their first three games coming 2nd in the pool round. With great team camaraderie and a never-give-up attitude on court they played at pace against some strong opposition to come 8th overall.

Year 8/1 competed strongly playing some exciting netball, consistently backing each other up. First round of games: 3 wins 1 loss taking out 2nd place in their pool. In the final round of games Ponsonby narrowly lost to Kowhai 9-7, finishing the tournament with a satisfying win against Royal Oak 4-11 to place 6th overall. Thanks to coaches and managers Nicola Dennison, Jodene Birch, Anne Lawson, Kristina Fleming and umpire Chook who were amazingly supportive and encouraging. Awesome effort girls! **7/1** - Molly Dennison, Mya Boaza, Natasha Taufa, Rhion Nathan-Edmonds, Maiahna-Jade (MJ) Pickering, Olivia MacDonald, Angie Broughton, Clara Grogan-Berks, Emily Du.

8/1 - Grace Paranihi, Juliana Fleming, London Samania-Tuioti, Iva Bernard, Ivanna Marin Linarez, Madison Dettling, Maia Martin, Tiare Mau'u, Una Sobocanec.





Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are run every term at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Core subjects (English and Mathematics) hold conferences twice a year in Term 1 and Term 3. Modular conferences happen every term (as students are involved in two different modular subjects each term).

On Line Conference Booking

Core Conferences

Tuesday 20th August - 3:30pm - 8:00pm

(CORE code:) c5ksm

Please include your child's room number.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/c5ksm>

Wednesday 21th August - 1:00pm - 6:00pm

(CORE code:) zgs86

Please include your child's room number.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/zgs86>

Modular Conferences

Wednesday 28st August - 3:30pm - 8:00pm

(MODULE code:) pb7e3

Please include your child's room number.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/pb7e3>

Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier.

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz

Core Teachers:

English:

Katie Fiddian: Teaching Rooms 11, 17

Lauren Collins: Teaching Rooms 3, 12, 16

Inger Moffat: Teaching Rooms 9, 25, 30

Penelope Dunn: Teaching Rooms 15, 19, 23

Lisa Stephenson: Teaching Rooms 1, 14, 21

Jo McCullagh: Teaching Rooms 1, 14, 21

Charlotte Stone: Teaching Rooms 8, 26, 28

Angela Lane: Teaching Rooms 18, 20, 22

Mathematics:

Ian Wannamaker: Teaching Rooms, 12, 21, 25, 30

Jennie Chatfield: Teaching Rooms 1, 17, 18, 22

Katherine Busch: Teaching Rooms 15, 19, 23, 28

Kristen Rees: Teaching Rooms 3, 9, 16, 20

Andrea Sherrock: Teaching Room 8, 11, 14, 26

Module Teachers:

Design Technologies: Cobey Bennett

Teaching Rooms 8, 11, 15, 21

Design Technologies: Brooke Jameson

Teaching Rooms

(Please book EITHER Sarah or Racheal for Room 8 Art, not both)

Art: Sarah Valintine

Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 12, 21

Art: Racheal Wilson

Teaching Rooms 8, 11

Performing Arts: Christine Cullen

Teaching Rooms: 3, 14, 20, 22, 28

Music: Claire Holmes

Teaching Rooms: 3, 14, 20, 28

Music: Paul Curtis: 22

Health & P.E: Holly Brittin

P.E & Health - Teaching Rooms - 1, 3, 15, 17, 19, 23, 28

P.E - Teaching Rooms - 11, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22

Health & P.E: Michelle Murray

PE & Health - Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 14, 20, 25, 26, 30

Health - Teaching Rooms 11, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22

Home Economics: Kelly Richardson

Teaching Rooms: 1, 6, 16, 23, 26

Science: Sione Taupeaafa

Teaching Rooms: 1, 16, 19, 23, 26

Science: Jaimi Athy-Timmins

Teaching Rooms: 15, 17, 18, 25, 30

Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson

Teaching Rooms: 15, 17, 18, 25, 30

Social Sciences: Sarah Howie

Teaching Rooms: 3, 9, 12, 15, 19, 21, 22, 25

Social Sciences: Brooke Jameson

Teaching Rooms: 1, 16

Learning Languages: Holly Francis

Teaching Rooms: 8, 14, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28, 30

Learning Languages: Brooke Jameson

Teaching Rooms: 11, 17

Second Hand Uniform Sale – Wednesday 21 August

Need another pair of shorts or a T-shirt to get you through to the end of the year? We have some second hand uniform available to purchase for \$10 per item. Drop into the office on **Wednesday 21 August between 1pm and 4pm**. All proceeds from the sale will go to 'Kids to Camp'.

Overdue Library Books

We have lots of overdue books out at the moment. Many were due back last term. Can you please help your child search for and find any books and have them returned to the library as soon as possible. Thank You.

Camps 2024 (repeat notice)

The whole school will attend various camps in **Term 4 Week 1 (Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th October)**.

Your child has come home with important camp information and forms; **Medical and Consent Form, Parent Help Form and Behaviour Contract**. Please carefully read all the information before completing these forms and return to your child's form teacher.

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.

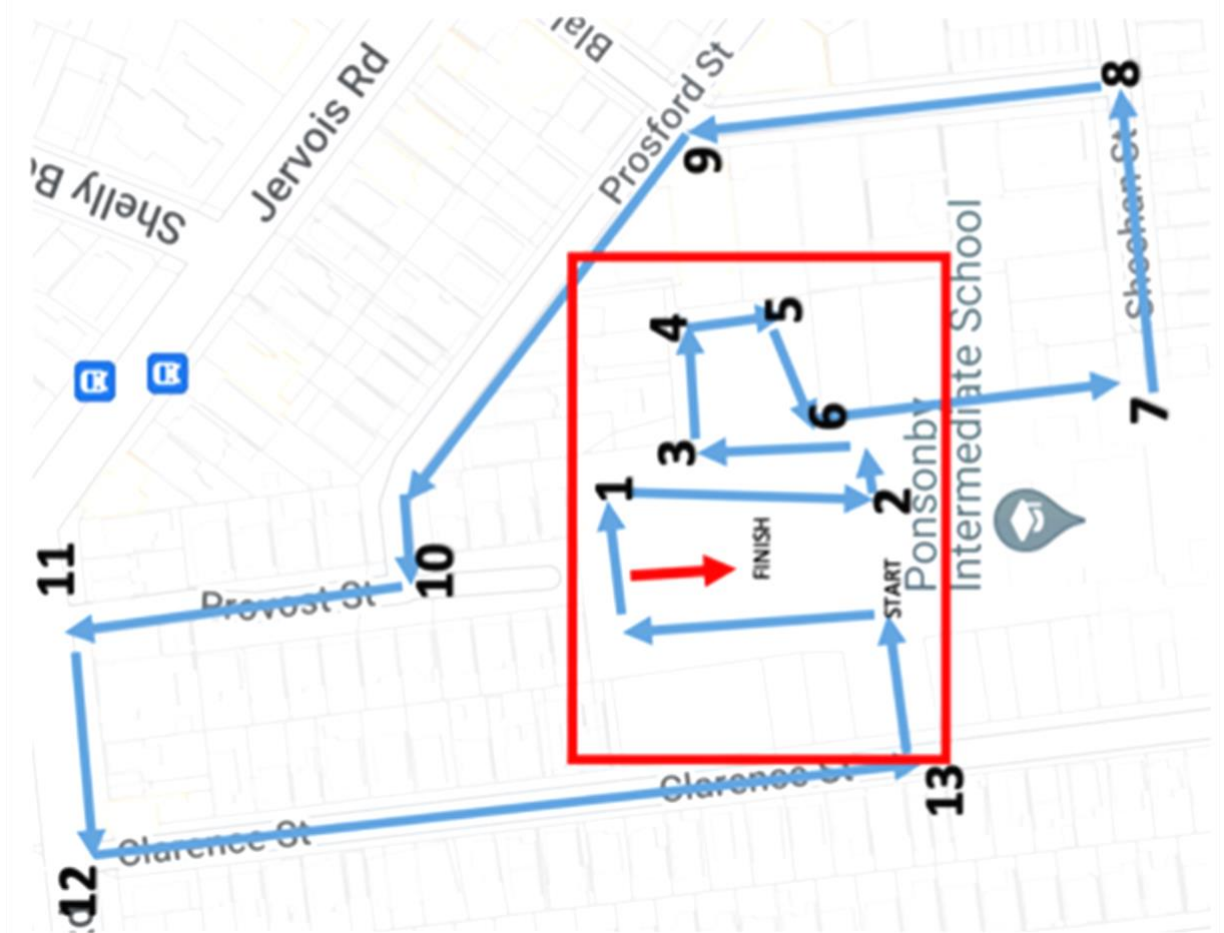
Year 7 Camps	Year 8 Camps
<p><u>Hunua Falls</u> Cherie Bolesworth Cobey Bennett 20 Lauren Collins 12 Jaimi Athy-Timmins 14</p> <p><u>Shakespear Lodge</u> Penelope Dunn 23 Brooke Jameson 19 Malachi Faiva</p> <p><u>Chosen Valley</u> Angela Lane 22 Sarah Valintine 18 Kellie Spencer 21</p> <p><u>Willow Park</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>



Term 3 Calendar 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	12 August	13 August	14 August	15 August	16 August
			Chess Competition Open Evening @ 6pm	Kahui Ako WSL Day Performance Evening @ 7pm	Ponsonby Cross Country @ 1:25pm
5	19 August	20 August	21 August	22 August	23 August
		Open Morning Core Conferences 3:30pm - 8pm	Core Conferences 1pm - 6pm Komodo survey	CZ Boys Rugby League	School Speeches in Assembly
6	26 August	27 August	28 August	29 August	30 August
	Bandquest 6:30 - 8:30pm		Modular Conferences 3:30 - 8pm	CZ Cross Country	Out of Zone Enrolments Close Daffodil Day
7	2 September	3 September	4 September	5 September	6 September
			Komodo survey	Central Zone Speeches in Music (TBC)	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
	Cricket in Schools 12:30 - 1:30pm	Cricket in Schools 12:30 - 1:30pm	Komodo survey	8:30 HPV2 Y8 G&B Boostrix Y7 catchup Maths Kahui Day North Island Water Polo Festival	North Island Water Polo Festival
10	23 September	24 September	25 September	26 September	27 September
				8:30 HPV2 Y8 G&B/ Boostrix Y7 catchup Showcase @ 1:35pm	

Cross Country Map (2 laps – Approx. 2800m)





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

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.

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.

Making Connections

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



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The following message posted on the Neighbourly website was brought to our attention. We spoke with our students about it earlier today.

Contaminated lollies

The Team from [Neighbourly.co.nz](https://www.neighbourly.co.nz)

A white lolly brought into a drug checking clinic in Auckland was found to contain a potentially lethal amount of methamphetamine.

What you need to know:

The lolly was in Rinda pineapple wrapping.

- It contained approximately 3g of methamphetamine, which is up to 300 regular doses.
- Consuming this much methamphetamine is extremely dangerous and could result in death.
- The Ministry of Health are unsure how widespread these contaminated lollies are, so we recommend not eating them.
- It is understood the lolly was in a sealed package that was donated to the Auckland City Mission and that some lollies may have been distributed to people in food parcels.
- People who have consumed them reported an unpleasant chemical taste.

If you or someone you know has eaten one and feels unwell, call 111 immediately.

Symptoms might include:

- Chest pain
- A racing heart
- Seizures
- Hyperthermia
- Delirium
- Loss of consciousness

