

Important Dates

29 August

Central Zone
Cross Country

30 August

Out of Zone
Enrolments for
Year 7 2025
Close

Daffodil Day

5 September

Central Zone
Speeches @
Ponsonby
Intermediate

6 September

ALA Literacy
Association visit

9 - 13

September

Careers Week

10 September

BoT Meeting
6pm

11 September

Out of Zone
Ballot for Year 7
2025

16 & 17

September

Cricket In
Schools
Programme

19 September

HPV2 Y8
Boostrix Catch up

Principal's Message

Everyone has completed their Speeches and our Cross Country event, Year 8 students have started their Character Novel Study and Year 7 students are focusing on Short Story reading and writing. In Mathematics the focus is on Geometry and Measurement. The Modular subjects are at the halfway point in their programmes and students will complete the final two modular subjects next term. Preparations for camp continue, if you are still yet to pay for camp, can we please ask you to make this a priority.

The Cancer Society Daffodil Day is officially on Friday. Here at Ponsonby we have had a Daffodil Week, with activities on at every lunchtime and students generously donating coins for our collection.

For those of you who attended the Performance Evening, I'm sure like me, you were amazed and so incredibly proud of these young people making the most of their Ponsonby Experience. Many of the bands you saw that evening went on to perform two songs each at Bandquest on Monday night, with phenomenal results... keep reading!

Have a great week, kia pai te wiki.

Nick Wilson

Principal

Speech Competition Results

This year's Ponsonby Speech finals were held in the hall on Friday 23 August. The standard was very high with a wide range of topics and it was an entertaining morning. Congratulations to all our finalists: Freddie Porter, Milly Plummer, Nikita Pasche, Aleph Reade-Shareef, Jack Hopkinson, Madison Ashworth, Zach Henderson, Nikita McDonald, Nico Burton, Reyansh Misra, Olive Judson and Dante Lam. The judges, Max Lloyd-Bell (English Department) from Western Springs College and Kerri McKay (Principal) from Bayfield Primary, had a challenging decision making process. The final results were - 1st:

Jack Hopkinson (The Most Useless Animals) 2nd: Nikita Pasche (The Dark Side of Temu) 3: Nico Burton (Digital Colonisation) with Aleph Reade-Shareef receiving a Highly Commended for his speech on Nikola Tesla.

Jack now goes on to represent Ponsonby at the Central Zone Speech Competition being held on Thursday, 5 September at 1.20pm at Ponsonby Intermediate.

Congratulations also need to go to EVERY student at Ponsonby Intermediate; every one of you wrote and presented a three minute speech. Well done - you are all articulate, energised achievers for the future!

Mrs Dunn



Bandquest Results

Bandquest is a nationwide live music competition for Primary and Intermediate students. This year's Auckland Central event was hosted at the Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna. Three bands from Ponsonby took part and our students did us proud, performing with energy and positivity. Overall it was an amazing evening and we came away with four awards!

Best Vocalist: Sloan Stebben (Dedwood Dreamers)

Best Keyboard player: Chanel Katsanos (Dedwood Dreamers)

Third place overall: Joe's Filing System

Second place overall: That Thing

A huge congratulations to all of the students who took part on the night; Sloan Stebben, Olivia MacDonald, Israel Akeripa, Oliver Ekanayaka, Chanel Katsanos, Edie Emerson, Ella Hammond, MJ Pickering, Caroline Wood, Emily van Zoggel, Max Mendez-Baines, Luke Duan, Chuck Luo, Nikita Pasche, Fedde Berry, Elliot Peters, Nico Burton, William Harbord, Freddie Porter, Augustin Piaux, Laki Pillai, Indigo Devereux and Nikita McDonald.

Ms Holmes





Sports Update

Netball

Ponsonby Intermediate Netball team's played their final round of games last week. Coaches and managers have been extremely committed this season with ongoing comms, training and support to ensure teams had a successful and fun netball season and wonderful parent support on the sidelines. Thank you everyone! Below are results of teams final round games, and overall placing in the respective grades.

Team 7/1 v Belmont finished the season with an exciting win 10-9, placed 5th overall in Grade 3. Thanks to coach Nicola Dennison and manager Jodene Birch.



Team 7/2 v Murrays Bay 21-5; placed 8th in Grade 4. Thanks to coach Michelle Menzies and manager Katie Youngman.



7/3 v Carmel 5-7; Grade 11 - Final standings based on points. Thanks to coach Rachel Morrison and managers Yolande Wong and Natasha Gordon.

Team 7/4 v Orewa 13-9; Grade 11 - Final standings based on points. Thanks to coach Rochelle Chapman and manager Wingki Kessell.



Team 8/1 competing in Grade 1, played a tight final round game against Northcote 20-16 to finish 8th place overall. Thanks to coach Anne Lawson and managers Francesca Febres-Muir and Kristina Fleming.



Team 8/2 v Orewa College - although went down 13-32, the team finished in 2nd place overall in Grade 4. Thanks to coach Monique Faleafa, Flora's Aunt, who played netball for Samoa, and manager Susan McGregor Bevan.



Team 8/3 v Wairau was high scoring, winning convincingly 26-13 to place 5th overall in Grade 4. Thanks to Coach Sarah Bell and Manager Hannah Croft.



Team 8/4 v Mahurangi College had a narrow loss 15-16, to finish the season 6th overall in Grade 7. Thanks to coach Peggy Reid (ex Ponsonby student) and manager Tracey Hennah.

Team 8/5 competed strongly in their final game v Whangaparoa, with only one goal in it going their opponents way 9-8. Coach Briget Lander appreciated her time with the team saying “8/5 had a really fun season, and showed great commitment to practices and games with everyone willingly playing their role where needed in the team. This shows their developing maturity, which is lovely to see.” Thanks to manager Hilary Paul.



Team 8/6 Round Robin. Final standings Grade 11, 12th based on points. Thanks to coach Hana Rylev (ex Ponsonby student) and manager Jenny Buck.

Hockey

The 'Ponsonby Panthers' Hockey team have had a great hockey season with a mix of hard-fought wins and narrow losses. There was huge improvement within the team as the weeks progressed. Players learnt many skills from the encouragement and experience of coach Cherie Mason and support from manager Kevin Klein. After a 7-2 win in the penultimate round, the team rounded out the season with a 7-all draw (after being down 4-1) against Northcote Intermediate - in a battle of the bridge contest. The comeback was a testament to the mahi and resilience of all the players! Awesome commitment and team camaraderie from Lucie Klein, Olive Wilson, Billie Fraser, Grace Stedman, Aiden Davison, Chloe Nguyen, Milly Plummer, Okarito Rimell, Emily van Zoggel and Suzi-Lou McDade.

Cross Country Results

	Year 7		Year 8	
Placing	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1st	Ella Wilson- Winiata 12:42:21	Oliver Ekanayaka 11:24:81	Emma Bell 11:46:91	Thomas Vickery 10:30:93
2nd	Clara Grogan-Berks	Max Doig	Iva Bernard	Dante Lam
3rd	Isobel Smith	Barnaby Yelash	Greta Beuth	Fedde Berry
4th	Olive Morrison	Alexander Gitsham	Georgia Jarvis	Aubrey Perrott
5th	Eden Robertson	Azeem Alibhai	Una Sobocanec	Hugh Livesay
6th	Olivia Scott	Connor Bryant	Nikita McDonald	Archie Bradford 6th=
7th	Charlotte Cheffins	Isaac Barton	Izzy Cole	Jasper Groen 6th=
8th	Brooke Glidden	Aiden Davison	Lucie Klein	Zach Henderson
9th	Chanel Katsanos	Daniel Mallinson	Madison Dettling	Max Thomason
10th	Natasha Taufa Ava Moore	Aidan Lau	Maja Dacic	Ted Utemov
House Placings	1 st = Rimu	2 nd = Puriri	3 rd = Totara	4 th = Kauri

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 Malachi Faiva</p> <p><u>Shakespear Lodge</u> Penelope Dunn 23 Brooke Jameson 19</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 Moffat 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 are raising 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/>

School TV

SPECIAL REPORT: Respectful Language



https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-respectful-language

End of Term 3 Calendar

Our Term 4 Calendar will be confirmed and in our next newsletter, Week 8.

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 Assembly	Camp Meetings @ 8:45am ALA Literacy Association
8 Careers week	9 September	10 September	11 September	12 September	13 September
	Hauora Survey	BOT meeting	Out of Zone 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	Camp Meetings @ 8:45am 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	

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



Community consultation

Ponsonby Community Centre has been at 20 Ponsonby Terrace since 1990. The building is owned by Auckland Council, but is independently run by locals. As a community-led organisation we want to offer our community a range of activities and services that they'll enjoy, will benefit from and which give them an opportunity to connect with others. We want to be accessible, inclusive and representative of the diversity in Ponsonby, and the surrounding suburbs.

During September we would love to hear from everyone with thoughts on what's working well, what could change and what you would like to see offered at the community centre in the future. Please go online www.ponsonbycommunity.org.nz, or drop in during the day, and either have a chat with staff, or pick up a questionnaire.

