

## Important Dates

### 26 September

Boostrix/HPV Catch up

Showcase for Rooms  
3, 14, 20, 22, and 28

### 27 September

End of Term 3 – 3:05pm

### 14 October

Start of Term 4

### 15 October

Camps Depart

### 22 October

CZ Boys Basketball

### 23 October

CZ Girls Basketball

### 24 October

NZ Shakeout Drill

### 28 October

LABOUR DAY

### 29 October

**Teacher Only Day**  
School closed for  
instruction

### 2-10 November

Auckland Schools  
Exhibition @ Silo Park

### 6 November

**School Art Exhibition**  
Evening 3:15pm –  
5:30pm

## Principal's Message

This term has been jam packed with activities, events, shows, sports and, of course, a strong focus on the academic curriculum. The students have shown persistence and commitment, the high levels of student engagement in all that has been going on is pleasing to see and the results speak for themselves. The teachers at this school are amazing, they have gone above and beyond to ensure the thriving 'Ponsonby Experience' happens everyday.

After the holidays we all come back to school for Monday 14 October and then on Tuesday the whole school departs for our seven camps. The students are looking forward to it and, as I have mentioned in the past, for some it will be their first ever school camp. However, I'd like to give a massive "thank you" shoutout to all parents and caregivers helping us out. School camps are not possible without our adult helpers – I trust you are looking forward to it too!

Congratulations to all our Netball players, a fantastic season has finished up. Thank you to all the coaches and managers for your support.

Term 4 will see students completing their final modular subjects, new Options subjects and a variety of celebrations. Athletics Day is Wednesday 13 November at Mt Smart Stadium. We have it all carefully planned out.

If your child is in Year 8, I encourage you to make sure your enrolment into secondary school is completed, this will help us assist with a smooth transition for your child. Likewise, enrolment into Ponsonby Intermediate should have been completed by now.

**Enjoy the holidays and be safe.**

Ngā mihi

**Nick Wilson**

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## Important dates in Term 4

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At the end of this newsletter you will find out Term 4 Calendar. Here are some important dates to remember:

**Week 1: Camp – 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Week 3: Teacher Only Day 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Week 4: School Sports and extra curricular photos for Yearbook (all week)  
School Art Exhibition – 6<sup>th</sup> November, 3:15pm – 5:30pm**

**Week 5: Ponsonby Athletics Day 13<sup>th</sup> November @ Mt Smart Stadium**

**Week 9: Year 7 Prizegiving 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 11am  
Year 8 Prizegiving 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 11am  
Year 8 Graduation 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm**

# Sports Update

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## Swim League

The Auckland Swim League (Intermediate Schools League) is a wrap this year with the Ponsonby team finishing 1st overall this season, ahead of Kowhai and Baradene/St Peter's schools. Well done to the squad of Year 7 and 8 swimmers - Madison Dettling, Izzy Cole, Nikita McDonald, Olivia Wong, Emma Bell, Sai Puletipalle, Grace Stedman, Ted Utemova, Ella Wilson-Winiata, Xavier Timmers, Lily King, Felicity Parkins, Angie Broughton, Sofia Glucina and Darragh Coll. The team competes in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Relay races for Girls/Boys/Mixed 11-12 year old events, swimming 25m, 50m and 100m distances. Over the past two years, parent Brian Dettling has been a valued coach for the Ponsonby Intermediate teams, organising swimmers and also encouraging them to compete in different stroke events. Thanks Brian!









## Water Polo

The Sharks and Marlins teams have finished their Atlantis League Water Polo season. Here's the season recap from Ponsonby's team coaches ...

"The Sharks team have had a relatively strong season this year, placing themselves in the top 4 teams of the Auckland competition. Despite a tough North Islands draw, the team was able to take a hard-fought win against a strong Dio team. The Sharks should be commended for their perseverance, commitment and hard work throughout the season which is shown in their impressive result. A special thanks to manager Karen Duggan for her organisation and management this year, the Sharks would not be in this strong position without you." - Ike Ancell and Emerson Ivy.

"The Ponsonby Marlins started their season off strong, with back-to-back wins in the grading stages. This resulted in a tough rest of the season - playing highly experienced and older schools. However, the Marlins stuck at it, giving their all in every game and coming away with many respectable results. On the 19th-22nd of September, the Marlins took part in the North Island Year 7, 8 Festival. This was a big challenge for them (with players down due to sickness), but they gave it everything and came away with a few losses and one comfortable win against Glen Eden. Overall, this season provided an opportunity to develop their skills against difficult opponents and they all improved significantly. Additionally thanks to our Manager Sacha Moore for her incredible management and organisation this year, the Marlins would not have had a great season without you." - Joshua Gowing and Rupert Glaetzer. These four ex-Ponsonby students have given a huge amount of time and energy to coaching the teams, sharing their love of water polo with players who have benefited hugely from their passion and expertise.

**Sharks** - Flynn Grocott, Jack Coop, Nikita McDonald, Lucie Klein, Chuck Luo, Millen Blijlevens, Mikael Ross, Ben Molloy, Isaac Barton, Ella Wilson-Winiata and Izzy Roberts.

**Marlins** - Billie Hannah, Max Hannah, Luis Clark, Lucas Parkin, Zach Compton, Tilly Moore, Mya Boaza, Helena Jenks, Zara Twigg, Sofia Glucina and Arjun Singh.





## Camp Fees

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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.

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

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



## Diwali Celebration

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This term, the Bollywood dance group has been busy sharing their culture during Roadshow and Performance Evening. To celebrate, we had a shared lunch and welcomed some new students and their parents to the group. We also discussed ideas for Diwali and will start preparing soon. If you would like to get involved or have any contacts who could teach or perform during Diwali, please contact Holly Francis [hollyf@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:hollyf@ponsint.school.nz) .



## Hackathon

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Mr Andy Wilson and the Tech Experts are currently hosting the annual Hackathon competition. Hackathon is a chance for students to create something digital, within a specific two week time frame. 57 students have signed up to participate this year, a new record! Students in the past have created worlds in Minecraft, animations in RecRoom, games in Scratch, digital art, photography and much more. The competition closes this Friday, with winners being announced at the final assembly of the term.

## Kia Rite Kia Mau

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On the 11th, 16th and 18th of September, the Eco Warriors participated in some workshops run by Auckland Council called Kia Rite Kia Mau. This series of workshops was aimed at raising student awareness of their local natural hazards, and how to be prepared for emergencies and climate emergencies.

One of the aims after the workshops was for students to transfer the knowledge and skills they had learnt and transfer this knowledge onto their families and communities.

The first workshop introduced students to the Māori Gods representing emergencies - fire, sickness, earthquakes, floods and tsunamis. With each of these, the students then walked through scenarios for each situation and talked about practical solutions if these were encountered.

The second and third workshops focused on looking at greenhouse gases, fossil fuels, arctic ice and the native trees around the school. Students did an experiment in class using ice and creating different atmospheres to look at ice melting. They also walked around the school looking for signs on trees

## Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 29th October

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The Ministry of Education directed Teacher Only day is on **Tuesday 29th October**. This date is the day after Labour Weekend and also aligns with some local primary schools to cause the least disruption to families.

The school will be closed for instruction. Should children need supervision here at school please contact – [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz)

## Local Schools Art Exhibition

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Schools in our local area will be exhibiting art at New World, Victoria Park over holiday period. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Ponsonby Intermediate with their wonderful works of art. Lily King, Sofia Glucina, Violet Gough, Cameron Molloy, Max Sun-Jorey, Zac Holmes, Rith Tum, Tenara Marapana Baduwattalage, Charlie Durey, Isobel Smith

## Kids to Camp Sponsorship

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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/>



# Yearbook Photos

Yearbook team photos will be taking place in **Week 4** during form times.

Below is the timetable for team photos, please ensure your child comes to school in **full school uniform**.

Due to the number of photos being taken they will not be rescheduled.

Thank you for your understanding with this.

Cobey Bennett [cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:cobeyb@ponsint.school.nz)

<b>Monday 4 November</b>	<b>Tuesday 5 November</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 November</b>	<b>Thursday 7 November</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls Netball and summer</li> <li>• Girls Football</li> <li>• Girls softball</li> <li>• Girls Table Tennis</li> <li>• Tennis (Girls)</li> <li>• All basketball teams (zone and Monday night)</li> <li>• Badminton (Girls)</li> <li>• Cross Country Girls (CZ Team)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rugby under 45</li> <li>• Boys Netball</li> <li>• Boys Football teams</li> <li>• Boys softball</li> <li>• Boys Tennis</li> <li>• Boys Table Tennis</li> <li>• Cross Country Boys (CZ Team)</li> <li>• Primary Zone Netball Umpires</li> <li>• Y7 Boys Softball</li> <li>• Badminton (Boys)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterpolo</li> <li>• Orienteering</li> <li>• Debating</li> <li>• Tech Experts</li> <li>• Art Exhibition Finalists/ Winners</li> <li>• Mountain Biking Club</li> <li>• Squash</li> <li>• Futsal</li> <li>• League Tag</li> <li>• Touch Rugby (Girls &amp; Boys, Mixed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All hockey teams</li> <li>• Speech Finalists</li> <li>• Chess</li> <li>• Otago Math Final Challenge</li> <li>• AV Monitors</li> <li>• Ski and snowboard team</li> <li>• Kids' Lit Quiz</li> <li>• CZ Swimming / Interzone</li> <li>• Swim League Team</li> <li>• Vietnam Cultural Group</li> </ul>

<b>Friday 8 November</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors</li> <li>• Talent quest finalists</li> <li>• Cultural Leaders</li> <li>• Positively Ponsonby</li> <li>• Eco Warriors</li> <li>• Sports Leaders</li> <li>• Yearbook team</li> <li>• Showquest</li> <li>• Librarians</li> <li>• Kapa Haka</li> <li>• Roadshow</li> <li>• ALL cross country</li> <li>• Pasifika Group</li> <li>• Toi Art Extension</li> <li>• Bollywood group</li> <li>• Rock Bands (with instruments)</li> <li>• Orchestra (with instruments)</li> <li>• Chinese Dance Group (with umbrellas)</li> </ul>

# Options Term 4

<p><b>Mindfulness : Ms Chatfield- Room 1</b> Got a lot on your mind? Feel like you're always busy doing something? Come along to Room 1 if you feel you need a bit of a break. Learn more about what helps you to relax, take time to slow down and discover the benefits of being mindful.</p>	<p><b>Painting: Mrs R Wilson- Room 18</b> If you enjoy painting and want to experiment with different techniques each week then this is the Option for you.</p>
<p><b>Touch Typing: Miss Rees: Room 3</b> Come and learn how to type without using the sense of sight to find the keys. You will learn the useful skill of Touch Typing using Interactive learning games and speed.</p>	<p><b>Animation Exploration: Mr Curtis- Room 7</b> Explore different Animation apps such as Flippa clip, Blender and I can Animate. Create models for stop motion lego animation.</p>
<p><b>Movie Music!: Mrs Holmes - Room 7</b> Learn how to compose sound effects and music to animated videos. You might end up composing a horror theme tune, or adding funny sound effects to a comedy video. If you are interested in learning how to use music to tell a story then this option is for you.</p>	<p><b>Board Games: Miss Stone - Room 8</b> Build your memory, logic and social skills through board games. Bring your own or have a go at chess, Exploding Kittens, Codenames, Uno: No Mercy and more!</p>
<p><b>Clay Christmas Decorations: Ms Moffat - Room 9</b> Are you wanting to personalise your Christmas Tree with some new handmade decorations? Do you like being creative? Come along and see what designs you can create... <i>"May your tree this year sparkle and shine, and be beautiful night and day... Make it soft and white, or colourful and bright, with your decorations made from clay."</i></p>	<p><b>Paint by Numbers: Ms Collins - Room 12</b> Come and chill out on a Thursday afternoon and paint within the lines whilst listening to chilled out music. If you know your numbers, you'll be great at this! You'll end the term with a beautiful artwork ready to gift to someone or hang up in your room. Be aware, the options are mostly flowers/plants.</p>
<p><b>Philippines: Miss AT - Room 14</b> Did you enjoy learning how to do the traditional Filipino Tinikling Dance in Culture week and want to learn some new moves? Do you want to learn more about the culture? This options will be run by students who want to teach others all The Philippines has to offer.</p>	<p><b>Just play!!!: Mr T - Room 15</b> Come and play sports that make you use strategy and team work!! Touch rugby, American football, Ultimate frisbie, Basketball, Volleyball, Flags and so much more!!! Join in to just play!!! <b>(THIS IS A GIRLS SPORTS OPTION)</b></p>
<p><b>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson: Room 19</b> Welcome to the future! We will be designing in 3D and printing on our newly updated school 3D printers. This option is open to both Year 7 and Year 8 students.</p>	<p><b>Yoga/Pilates: Mrs McCullagh: Room 21</b> If you want to stretch, lessen stress or just learn to relax, come and try out some yoga/pilates using your whole body. Some movements from me and some from an online instructor. Finishing each session with a short meditation using the breath as a relaxation tool. Please only apply if you are serious and intend to work hard!</p>
<p><b>Christmas Card Making: Mrs Francis - Room 24</b> Create unique and thoughtful Christmas cards using a range of materials and styles.</p>	<p><b>Creative Crafting : Mrs Howie - Room 25</b> Do you like to get crafty? Come and experiment making a variety of crafts for yourself or for others.</p>



<p><b>Stitch &amp; Create: Mrs Sherrock - Room 26</b>  Get ready to unleash your creativity in this exciting Slow Sewing class! Dive into the world of mindful stitching as you transform fabric scraps into vibrant, one-of-a-kind pictures. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced stitcher, you'll love the joy of crafting in a relaxed, fun environment. Come create something truly special!</p>	<p><b>Filmmaking: Ms Busch- Room 28</b>  Do you love film and television? Do you want to be involved in the process, but not in front of the camera? Come and learn about the world of film from behind the scenes. Then create and present your own film using cameras and video editing software.</p>
<p><b>Quiz it: Miss Jameson - Room 2</b>  Like using blookey or Kahoot to learn some fun facts? Come to the learning centre to test your knowledge about a range of subjects and test others on a subject you are an expert in.</p>	<p><b>Cultural Games: Mr Wannamaker - Room 30</b>  Enjoy sport or playing games? In this option we explore games from other cultures through active participation. Games like ultimate frisbee, tchoukball, lacrosse, American football and unihoc. So if you learn through doing and are open to new and exciting sports, join in!</p>
<p><b>Zentangle Doodle Art: Mrs Murray - Room 17</b>  Get inspired !! Put your pen to paper to make some creative abstract art. Using the Zentangle method, create 'tangles' to draw dots, lines, S-curves and orb patterns - large and small and see what you come up with. A relaxing, fun option!</p>	<p><b>Minecraft Education - Mrs Maitland-Smith- HUB</b>  Explore and build blocky worlds. You'll be given educational challenges with problem solving skills throughout the term.</p>
<p><b>Hard out Sports - Mr Wilson - Field</b>  Sports extension and enrichment. Different styles of sport that will test all your skills. Teamwork and persistence necessary. Not for the faint-hearted, you must be prepared to go HARD every week!</p>	<p><b>Dance Troupes - Mrs Cullen - Room 6</b>  Do you want to dance with a group of people who enjoy contemporary dance? Do you want to develop your choreographic skills or just improve your dance skills. This option could be for you.</p>
<p><b>Sports Academy - Mr Bennie - Hall</b>  Sports specific conditioning and training as well as game strategy and learning spatial awareness within a range of sports.</p>	

# Term 4 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	14 October	15 October	16 October	17 October	18 October
	<b>Camp Prep Day</b> Students with Form Class Recreation @ 1:35pm	<b>Camps Depart</b> <b>CZ Boys Volleyball</b>		<b>CZ Girls Volleyball</b>	<b>Camps Return</b>
2	21 October	22 October	23 October	24 October	25 October
		<b>CZ Boys Basketball</b>  BOT Meeting – 6pm	<b>CZ Girls Basketball</b>	NZ Shakeout Drill 9:30am	
3	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 November
	<b>Labour Day</b>	<b>Teachers Only Day</b>			<b>CZ Badminton</b>
4	4 November	5 November	6 November	7 November	8 November
	<b>Yearbook Photos</b> All week	<b>CZ Girls Touch</b>	<b>Art Exhibition Evening</b> 3:15pm Start 5:30pm - Prize Giving	<b>CZ Boys/Mixed Touch</b>  World Challenge Parent Evening @ 6:30pm	
5	11 November	12 November	13 November	14 November	15 November
			<b>Ponsonby Athletics Day</b>		
6	18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November	22 November
			<b>CZ Athletics Day</b>	<b>Modular Conferences</b> 3:30 - 6pm	
7	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November	29 November
		BOT Meeting – 6pm			
8	2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December	6 December
				<b>VIP Morning Tea</b>	<b>Showcase @ 1:30pm</b>
9	9 December	10 December	11 December	12 December	13 December
			<b>Year Prizegiving @ 11am</b>	<b>Year 8 Prizegiving @ 11am</b> <b>Year 8 Finish 12:30pm</b> <b>Graduation 6 - 8:30pm</b>	Year 7's last day School finishes at 12pm



# Students attending MAGS in 2025

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## MAGS Academic Testing:

All Year 9 2025 students will be involved in MAGS academic testing at MAGS as follows:

	DATE	ACADEMIC TESTING <i>(Please bring pen/pencil water bottle and a light snack)</i>	SPORTS ACADEMY TRIALS <i>(Please bring correct sports attire, lunch, water etc)</i>
<b>GIRLS</b>	<b>Thursday – 31 October</b>	8.30am-12.00pm <i>(including a break)</i>	12.30pm-2.30pm
<b>BOYS</b>	<b>Friday – 1 November</b>	8.30am-12.00pm <i>(including a break)</i>	12.30pm-2.30pm

Students should assemble outside the Main Hall before **8.30am**

## Sports Academy Trials: 12.30pm-2.30pm approx

**Separate Girls/Boys Sports Academy trials**, for those students who wish to be considered, will be held as per the table above. Following the academic testing, students interested in academy trials will report to the Grandstand and have a brief lunch break before participating in their chosen Sports Academy. Please bring lunch and a drink, sunhat/sunblock and appropriate sports attire.

## IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: Hockey and Football Trials

Most Academy trials will take place on **Thursday 31 October for girls and Friday 1 November for boys**. The exception to this is Hockey, as due to safety, the courts will only be used for one sport at a time so the **trials for both girls and boys Hockey trials**:

- **Hockey trials will be on Friday 1 November at 12.30pm (for both girls and boys)**

Football Trials will also be held at an earlier date due to staff being on leave later in the term.

- **Football trials for Boys Wednesday 23 October at 3.30pm on site at MAGS**
- **Football trials for Girls Thursday 24 October at 3.30pm on site at MAGS**

Please ensure the student reports to the Grandstand at that time in appropriate sports attire.

## 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.

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

## 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.

## 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

## School Holidays

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A promotional poster for a Jazz School workshop. The background is a blurred image of a jazz band performing. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

## Jazz School School Holiday Big Band Workshop

This will be an exciting three day school holiday workshop where year 6, 7 and 8 students will learn to play in a Jazz Big Band and then perform a concert for family and friends on the final afternoon. The Big Band is for Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Clarinet players plus Electric Guitar, Piano, Bass and Drums. The music we play will range from jazz standards to modern pop classics with an emphasis on having fun while producing music at a high standard.

Please visit [jazzschool.co.nz](http://jazzschool.co.nz) or email [jnrjazzschool@gmail.com](mailto:jnrjazzschool@gmail.com) for more information.

A promotional poster for a 7's Rugby Holiday Programme. The background is a blurred image of a rugby stadium at night. The text is centered on the image.

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