

Principal's Message

Important Dates

23 October

Central Zone Girls
Basketball

24 October

NZ Shakeout Drill –
9:30am

28 October

Labour Day

29 October

Teacher Only Day
(School Closed for
Instruction)

1 November

Central Zone Badminton

2 -10 November

Auckland Schools Art
Exhibition @ Silo Park

4-8 November

Yearbook Photos

5 November

Central Zone Touch

6 November

ART EXHIBITION in the
Library 3:15pm – 5:30pm

7 November

Central Zone Boys and
Mixed Touch

World Challenge Parent
Evening 6.30pm

13 November

ATHLETICS DAY

A huge thank you for supporting your child through school camp, I know they will be better for it. Thank you to all the helpers who attended camp, and of course – thank you to the amazing team of excellent teachers we have here at Ponsonby.

Following school camps we have planned activities and events that will build on the momentum, enthusiasm and respectful relationships that have been strengthened. We are also very keen on *routine* – this approach gives us a “happy calm” about the place.

Our Year 8 students are now in the process of transitioning to various High Schools, it is pleasing to hear from them that the visit or tests have gone well. The Ponsonby Intermediate specialist teaching model really does set students up for success.

On the 6th of November we have our Art Exhibition Evening 3:15pm - 5:30pm in the school Library – all welcome.

Athletics day is scheduled for Wednesday 13 November at Mt Smart Stadium, let's hope the weather cooperates. The final round of Modular Conferences are also in Week 5.

NZEI Teachers Union has negotiated a Teacher Only Day on this coming Tuesday - 29 October (the day after Labour Day), we will be closed for instruction.

Ngā mihi,

Nick Wilson

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Important Dates – Term 4

Tuesday 29 th October	Teachers Only Day
4 th – 8 th November (Week 4)	Yearbook photos during form-time
Wednesday 6 th November	Art Exhibition - 3:15pm Start, Prizegiving at 5:30pm
Thursday 7 th November	World Challenge Parent Evening Presentation @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 13 th November	Ponsonby Athletics day @ Mt Smart
Tuesday 21 st November	Modular Conferences – 3:30 – 6pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 7 Prizegiving @ 11am
Thursday 12 th December	Year 8 Prizegiving @ 11am Year 8 Graduation 6pm – 8:30pm

Thank you to Camp Parents and Helpers

Following on from Mr Wilson, we would just like to thank our amazing parents and caregivers who helped out with camp. Our camps were a huge success and this was thanks to your hard work and dedication during camp week. Thank you for running activities, helping with duties,

transporting students and helping build the positive camp environment. Our teachers worked incredibly hard to organise an engaging and exciting camp and your contributions and commitment helped make this possible.

We also know that the students were incredibly grateful for your help on camp and giving up your own time to make sure their camp experience was a positive one.

Thanks again to our Camp Leaders and the staff that helped ensure everything went to plan! There is a lot of work behind the scenes throughout the year from our Camp Leaders and staff and they created 7 amazing camps.

The positive culture the camp has created within the school will help us continue with an engaging Term 4.

Athletics Day Information 2024

When: Wednesday 13th November

Where: Mt Smart Stadium

Students, please remember:

- Full PE uniform
- Covered shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Warm clothing
- Water bottle and a packed lunch – Bring a healthy one!

Students are allowed to wear spikes for 100m, 200m, 400m

We will be travelling to the event on buses at 9.00am and returning by 3.00pm.

There is a full timetable of the track and field events at the end of this newsletter.

Please note: The 800m race will be run separately before the day. More information to come.

Central Zone Day is Wednesday 22nd November at Mt Smart Athletics Track

Tools for Learning Reminder

It has been quite a concern that are large number of students have not started the term with the correct tools for learning or any at all. It is important we start each term organised and ready to learn.

Could you please talk with your child and organise the correct tools they need such as pens, pencils, ruler etc.

Teachers are spending a large portion of time at the beginning of each lesson trying to manage this, which decreases the amount of important learning time. This is an important aspect of schooling and it is good to practice now, ready for high school.

We would appreciate your support with this.

Hackathon 2024 Results

Mr Andy Wilson and the Tech Expert judges were proud to present awards in the final assembly of Term 3. The standard of entries was impressive, considering the students only had 2 weeks to create their project.

Highly commended:

Reyansh Misra Room 23 (Coded a website)

Logan Crosswell Room 22 (Minecraft)

Kerr Huang Room 21 (Digital art)

5th Place:

Bobby Paul Room 19 (Minecraft)

4th Place:

Audrey Miranda Room 3 (Digital art)

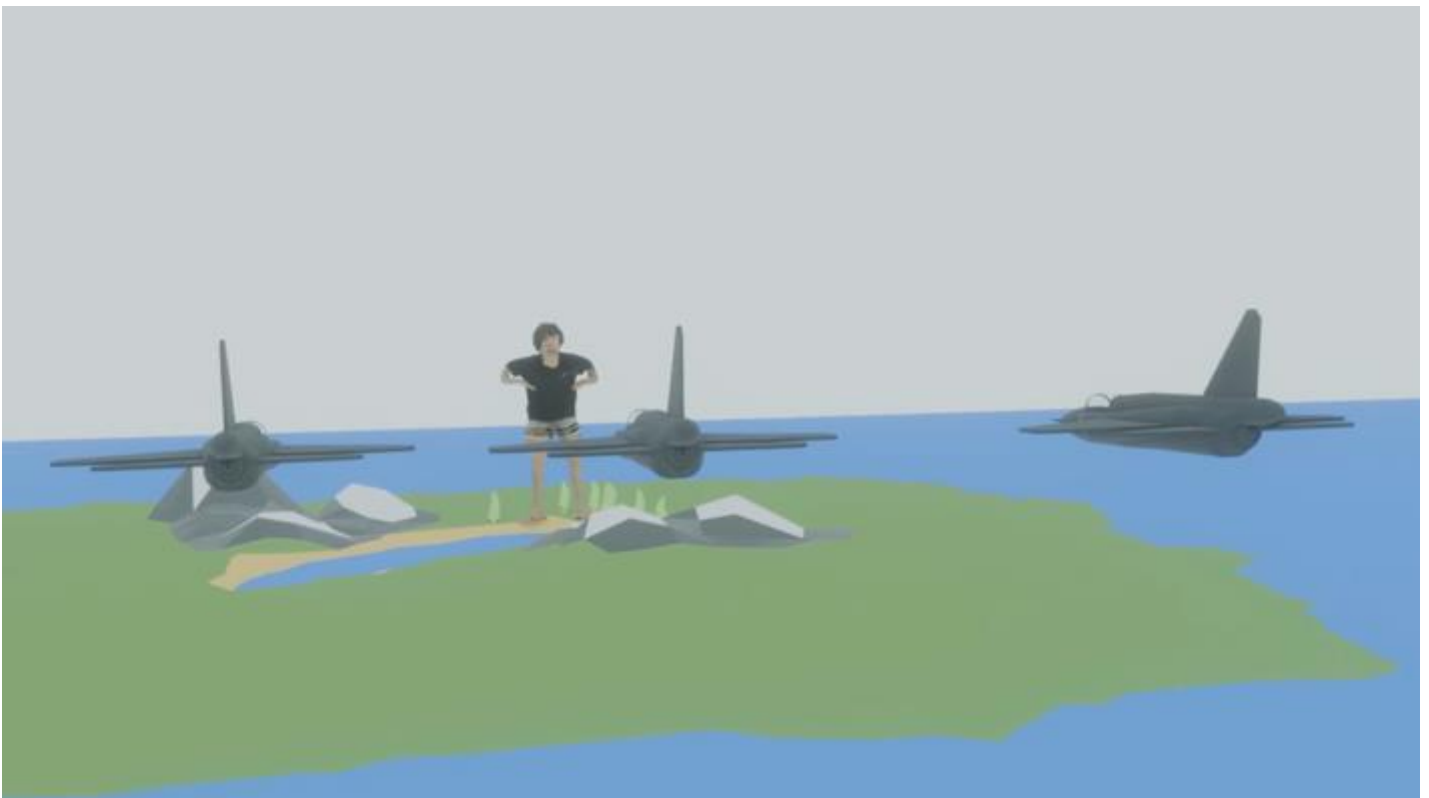
3rd Place: Nicholas Myers Room 25 (Minecraft)



2nd Place: Asmi Chopra Room 15 (Digital Art)



1st Place: Theo Cahill Harder Room 22 (Animation Video)



World Challenge – Presentation for 2025 Applicants

7th November @ 6.30pm

We are starting our promotion nice and early for our overseas trip to Vietnam in September 2025.

There will be a presentation by World Challenge to all parents on **Thursday 7th November** in our school hall. All Year 7 parents and students are welcome to attend, to learn more about what the trip is all about. Please email mattb@ponsint.school.nz if you would like to attend this meeting.

Yearbook Photos - 2024

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 students and photos being taken they will **not** be rescheduled.

Thank you

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Monday 4 November	Tuesday 5 November	Wednesday 6 November	Thursday 7 November	Friday 8 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Netball and summer • Girls Football • Girls softball • Girls Table Tennis • Tennis (Girls) • All basketball teams (zone and Monday night) • Badminton (Girls) • Cross Country Girls (CZ Team) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Netball • Boys Football teams • Boys softball • Boys Tennis • Boys Table Tennis • Cross Country Boys (CZ Team) • Primary Zone Netball • Umpires • Y7 Boys Softball • Badminton (Boys) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterpolo • Orienteering • Debating • Tech Experts • Art Exhibition Finalists/Winners • Mountain Biking Club • Squash • Futsal • League Tag • Touch Rugby (Girls & Boys, Mixed) • Ripper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All hockey teams • Speech Finalists • Chess • Otago Math Final Challenge • AV Monitors • Ski and snowboard team • Kids' Lit Quiz • CZ Swimming / Interzone • Swim League Team • Vietnam Cultural Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors • Talent quest finalists • Cultural Leaders • Positively Ponsonby • Eco Warriors • Sports Leaders • Yearbook team • Showquest • Librarians • Kapa Haka • Roadshow • ALL cross country • Pasifika Group • Toi Art Extension • Bollywood group • Rock Bands (with instruments) • Orchestra (with instruments) • Chinese Dance Group (with umbrellas)

Teachers Only Day – Tuesday 29 October – (Repeat Notice)

The Ministry of Education directed Teacher Only Day is on **Tuesday 29 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

Art Exhibition – Wednesday 6th November

We are delighted to invite you to our annual Art Exhibition at school on Wednesday 6th November. This is an opportunity for students to showcase all their mahi from throughout the year and celebrate the special talents of our wonderful student artists. Viewing will begin at 3.15pm and prize giving will take place at 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



Year 8 Transitions to High School

Transitions to high school begin early this term. There are a number of Year 8's enrolled in their high school. Please make this a priority so that we can set your child up for success in this exciting move. It is particularly important that you enrol, if you are in zone so they know to expect you and your child can be placed in classes accordingly. If you need help or support with this please contact katief@ponsint.school.nz

Options Term 4

<p>Mindfulness : Ms Chatfield- Room 1 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>Painting: Mrs R Wilson- Room 18 If you enjoy painting and want to experiment with different techniques each week then this is the Option for you.</p>
<p>Touch Typing: Miss Rees: Room 3 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>Animation Exploration: Mr Curtis- Room 7 Explore different Animation apps such as Flippa clip, Blender and I can Animate. Create models for stop motion lego animation.</p>
<p>Movie Music!: Mrs Holmes - Room 7 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>Board Games: Miss Stone - Room 8 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>Clay Christmas Decorations: Ms Moffat - Room 9 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>Paint by Numbers: Ms Collins - Room 12 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>Philippines: Miss AT - Room 14 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>Just play!!!: Mr T - Room 15 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!!! (THIS IS A GIRLS SPORTS OPTION)</p>

<p>3D Design and Printing: Mr Wilson: Room 19 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>Yoga/Pilates: Mrs McCullagh: Room 21 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>Christmas Card Making: Mrs Francis - Room 24 Create unique and thoughtful Christmas cards using a range of materials and styles.</p>	<p>Creative Crafting : Mrs Howie - Room 25 Do you like to get crafty? Come and experiment making a variety of crafts for yourself or for others.</p>
<p>Stitch & Create: Mrs Sherrock - Room 26 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>Filmmaking: Ms Busch- Room 28 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>Quiz it: Miss Jameson - Room 2 Like using blookey or Kahoot to learn some fun fact Come to the learning centre to test your knowledge about a range of subject and test others on a subject you are an expert in.</p>	<p>Cultural Games: Mr Wannamaker - Room 30 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>Zentangle Doodle Art: Mrs Murray - Room 17 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>Minecraft Education - Mrs Maitland-Smith- HUB Explore and build blocky worlds. You'll be given educational challenges with problem solving skills throughout the term.</p>
<p>Hard out Sports - Mr Wilson - Field 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>Dance Troupes - Mrs Cullen - Room 6 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>Sports Academy - Mr Bennie - Hall Sports specific conditioning and training as well as game strategy and learning spacial awareness within a range of sports.</p>	

Term 4 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	21 October	22 October	23 October	24 October	25 October
		CZ Boys Basketball BOT Meeting – 6pm	CZ Girls Basketball	NZ Shakeout Drill 9:30am	
3	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 November
	Labour Day	Teachers Only Day			CZ Badminton
4	4 November	5 November	6 November	7 November	8 November
	Yearbook Photos All week	CZ Girls Touch	Art Exhibition Evening 3:15pm Start 5:30pm - Prize Giving	CZ Boys/Mixed Touch World Challenge Parent Evening @ 6:30pm	
5	11 November	12 November	13 November	14 November	15 November
			Ponsonby Athletics Day		
6	18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November	22 November
			CZ Athletics	Modular Conferences 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
				VIP Morning Tea	Showcase P5&6
9	9 December	10 December	11 December	12 December	13 December
			Year Prizegiving @ 11am	Year 8 Prizegiving @ 11am Year 8 Finish 12:30pm Graduation 6 - 8:30pm	Year 7's last day School finishes at 12pm

Athletics Day Timetable 2024

Date: Wednesday 13th November @ Mt Smart Stadium

Track Events			
9:45am	BOYS/GIRLS	1500m	Boys – Year 7
		1500m	Boys – Year 8
		1500m	Girls – Year 7
		1500m	Girls – Year 8
10:00 – 11:45am	GIRLS	100m	Heats
		200m	Heats
		400m	Straight Final (Top 3 times)
12:00 – 1:45pm	BOYS	100m	Heats
		200m	Heats
		400m	Straight Final (Top 3 times)

Field Events								
EVENT	BOYS				GIRLS			
	10:00	10:25	10:50	11:15	12:15	12:40	12:05	1:30
High Jump	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara
Long Jump	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri
Discus	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu
Shot Put	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri	Rimu	Puriri	Totara	Kauri

Finals		
1:45pm	BOYS and GIRLS	100m
2:00pm	BOYS and GIRLS	200m
2:15pm	YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	Class Relay

- Class relay runners have been selected during P.E. Class trainings. There will only be one race for Year 7 and one for Year 8.
- Year 7 100m heats will be run on the back straight (in order to speed up the day).
- The 800m is raced on the day before at school as it allows students to enter more track events.

Music Education

Unlock your child’s creative potential right here at our school!

Through a partnership with Auckland’s largest provider of specialist music lessons, the Music Education Centre, we offer professional music lessons tailored to meet the unique passions of each student. Our lessons are designed to be both engaging and educational, ensuring a fulfilling and exciting musical journey for your child.

With lessons conveniently located right here at our school, many parents find our in-school programme to be the optimal choice for their children.

Spaces for new students in Term 4 are limited, so get in quick! For further details around availability and instrument options, please reach out directly to the Music Education Centre at 0800 89 39 39.

Students attending MAGS in 2025 – (repeat notice)

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>
GIRLS	Thursday – 31 October	8.30am-12.00pm <i>(including a break)</i>	12.30pm-2.30pm
BOYS	Friday – 1 November	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

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