

Important Dates

29 November

Ponsonby Cultural Market
12:30pm – 1pm Room 24

5 December

VIP Morning Tea

6 December

Showcase for
Rooms 1, 16, 19, 23 and
26 at 1:30pm

11 December

Year 7 Prizegiving 11am

House Reward

at Pt Erin pools

12 December

Year 8 Prizegiving 11am

Year 8 finish at 12:30pm

Year 8 Graduation 6pm-
8:30pm

Year 8 reports sent by
email

13 December

Last Day – Year 7's only

Year 7 reports sent by
email

Year 7 finish at 12:00pm

Principal's Message

The students enjoyed Athletics Day. Like school camp, for many it was their first ever big athletics meeting. The weather played its part too. Our PE teachers – Ms Murray and Miss Brittin did a great job training the students and Mr Bennie's organisation was faultless, as expected!

Almost every student completed four field events and at least two track events. Room 9 won the 4 x 100m Year 8 relay (again) and Room 23 won the Year 7 race, a real highlight of the day, as we were all sitting in the grandstand watching!

On Friday our Cultural Leaders will be putting on a mini-market day to sell food from some of the countries that are represented at this school.

The classes attending Music and Performing Arts this term will be hosting the final Showcase of the year on Friday 6 December at 1:30pm - these classes are Rooms 1, 16, 19, 23 and 26.

Please note the end of year Prizegiving and Graduation organisational details in this newsletter.

School reports will be sent by email to Year 8 and Year 7 parents and caregivers on the 12th and 13th of December respectively. Students will also be receiving our fantastic Yearbook, with over 100 pages of their greatest 'Ponsonby Experience' memories.

Ngā mihi,

Nick Wilson

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Important Dates – Term 4 2024

Thursday 5th December	VIP Morning Tea
Friday 6th December	Showcase @ 1:30 pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 7 Prizegiving @ 11am House Reward - 1pm – 3pm
Thursday 12 th December	Year 8 Prizegiving @ 11am Year 8 Graduation 6pm – 8:30pm

End of Year Prizegiving

This year the **Year 7** prizegiving ceremony will be held on **Wednesday 11th December** beginning at **11:00am**.

The **Year 8** prizegiving ceremony will take place on **Thursday 12th December** beginning at **11:00am**. There will be parking on the field and allocated seating for family and friends.

Year 8 students may go home following their ceremony (approx. 12:30pm) and return at 6pm for Graduation.

Your child will be notified on Monday 2nd December if they are receiving a prize, they will bring home a letter with the necessary information. We encourage you to come along to celebrate your child's success with us, however, please consider that our school hall has limited space so please carefully consider the number of family members.

Not all students will receive a prize, however, throughout the year we recognise and celebrate students' success during our weekly school assemblies and on other occasions.

Year 8 Graduation

We will be celebrating the Year 8 students' two year 'Ponsonby Experience' on Thursday 12th December with a special Graduation Ceremony. Graduation is \$10 and includes a class shared dinner. A letter will come home with your child tomorrow (Thursday 28th November) providing specific information for this event.

It is a formal evening so we encourage the Year 8 students to dress smartly.

The event starts at 6:00pm and there will be allocated seating for all parents and family members. However, please consider that our school hall has limited space so please carefully consider the number of family members. There will also be parking on the field.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the amazing two years your child has had at Ponsonby Intermediate.

World Challenge – Overseas Trip, September 2025

We are now opening the online sign-up process for the 2025 Vietnam trip with World Challenge.

Earlier this year we had a successful trip with 10 of our students traveling through the beautiful southern region of Vietnam and we will be following in their footsteps with the same journey.

World Challenge held an initial presentation for this trip on the 7th of November and will be hosting another presentation in Term 1 2025.

For those who would like to sign up for the journey to Vietnam, please follow the link below:

<https://www.myworldchallenge.com/tour/E3A83DB>

Signing up through the World Challenge Portal is the initial stage to secure a space on the trip, there will be an interview process following during Term 1.

You do not have to attend any of the presentations before signing up, but it is strongly encouraged so you can make an informed decision before applying.

If you have any questions, please follow the link below to look at the Itinerary and Parents' Pack.

<https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/e3a83db/>

Please feel free to contact: tgreenem@worldchallenge.com.au if you have any questions about this great experience.



World Challenge

VIETNAM - CULTURE, COMMUNITY & THE MIGHTY MEKONG (10 DAYS)

LEARNING SERVICE JOURNEYS

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7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

15 LIFE ON LAND

Ponsonby Cultural Market

This Friday, the Cultural Leaders will be running a mini-market to sell food from some of the countries that are represented at this school. All students can bring along some money to buy French crepes, African donuts, Parāoa Parai (Māori fry bread) and much more. Students are always eager to try the cuisine of the countries they are learning about, so this is the perfect opportunity!



Niuean and Diwali Performances

In the last few weeks, the school has been treated to some beautiful performances to celebrate Niuean Language Week and Diwali. While the performance only lasts a few minutes, the many hours spent together practising is a special time for these students to speak their home language and bond over their shared culture. A special thanks to Nivi from Aaja Nachle School of Bollywood Dance for teaching the Diwali dance, and to Irie Tanu in Room 14 for teaching the Niuean dances.





Central Zone Athletics Day

The Ponsonby Athletics Team went to Mount Smart Stadium on Wednesday 20th November to take on the top athletes from other Central Zone Schools. Dante Lam started the day off strong with a win in the Year 8 Boys 1500m race and later followed this up with 4th in the 800m. Aubrey Perrott also had a great day on the track with a 2nd place finish in the Year 8 Boys 800m. The team also had success in the field events with Logan Croswell winning the Year 7 Boys Discus and Izzy Roberts coming 3rd in the Year 7 girls High Jump. It was an action packed day with the team making our school proud.

Ponsonby Athletics Day Results

Year 7 Girls							
Track	1 st	Time	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
1500m	Ella Wilson-Winiata	6:11.03	17	Isobel Smith	23	Sally Youngman	23
800m	Ella Wilson-Winiata			Olivia Evans		Sally Youngman	
400m	Sally Youngman	1:17	23	Ella Wilson-Winiata	17	Isobel Smith	23
200m	Ella Wilson-Winiata	33.87	17	Izzy Roberts	17	Clara Grogan-Berks	17
100m	Natasha Taufa	16:53	14	Ella Wilson-Winiata	17	Sally Youngman	23
						Clara Grogan-Berks	17
Relay			23		17		14
Field	1st	Length Height	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
High Jump	Izzy Roberts	122cm	17	Isobel Smith	23	Brooke Glidden	22
Long Jump	Ella Wilson-Winiata	3.63m	17	Brooke Glidden	22	Izzy Roberts	17
Discus	Minnie Donaldson	16.65m	19	Edie Emerson	21	Ella Wilson-Winiata	17
Shot put	Conny Lee	7.02m	12	Natasha Taufa	14	Minnie Donaldson	19

Year 7 Boys							
Track	1 st	Time	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
1500m	Max Doig	5:47.00	20	Oliver Ekanayaka	21	Alex Gitsham	18
800m	Max Doig			Oliver Ekanayaka		Barnaby Yelash	
400m	Oliver Ekanayaka	1:16.72	21	Sam van Grinsven Alex Gitsham	12 18		
200m	Isaac Barton	30.68	23	Sam van Grinsven	12	Oliver Ekanayaka	21
100m	Isaac Barton	14.84	23	Baden Kerr	18	Oliver Ekanayaka Bruno McDonald	21 30
Field	1 st	Length Height	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
High Jump	Dihain Delgoda	123cm	12	Marlow Ansley	18	Otis Jeffrey	17
Long Jump	Dihain Delgoda	4.28m	12	Isaac Barton	23	Oki Rimell	12
Discus	Logan Crosswell	17.51m	22	Sam van Grinsven	12	Max Smythe	21
Shot put	Hano Maka	8.28m	18	Logan Crosswell	22	Cameron Molloy	19

Year 8 Girls							
Track	1 st	Time	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
1500m	Laki Pillai	6:01.34	11	Emma Bell	26	Georgia Jarvis	16
800m	Emma Bell			Laki Pillai		Greta Beuth	
400m	Una Sobocanec	1:13.91	3	Emma Bell	26	Greta Beuth	3
200m	Laki Pillai	32.53	11	Emma Bell	26	Una Sobocanec	3
100m	Hazel McCready	15:63	28	Una Sobocanec	3	Saskia Mok Emma Gillies	28 28

Relay			9		15		25
Field	1st	Length/Height	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
High Jump	Una Sobocanec	133cm	3	Madison Dettling	15	Sarah Bannan	26
Long Jump	Una Sobocanec	4.39m	3	Saskia Mok	28	Nikita McDonald	25
Discus	Hazel McCready	16.7m	28	Nikita McDonald	25	Emma Gilles	28
Shot put	Hazel McCready Juliet Schaevitz	6.25m	28			Emma Gilles	28

Year 8 Boys							
Track	1st	Time	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
1500m	Dante Lam	5:08.18	11	Thomas Vickery	25	Sam Marshall	9
800m	Aubrey Perrott			Dante Lam		Thomas Vickery	
400m	Dante Lam	1:07.72	11	Sam Marshall	9	Nico Burton Khemera Kim	11 15
200m	Jesse Odiase	28.28	9	Jasper Groen	26	Christian Blakeman	15
100m	Christian Blakeman	14:25	15	Mikhail Kislanskih	1	Lucas Atiga Jasper Groen	25 26
Field	1st	Length Height	Rm	2nd	Rm	3rd	Rm
High Jump	Aliosha Mikhailov Lucas Atiga	145cm	25 25			Jessie Odiase	9
Long Jump	Janko Coetzee	4.7m	3	Niko Burton	11	Augustine Piaux	9
Discus	Connor Ruane	22.05m	28	Lucas Atiga	25	Dante Lam	11
Shot put	Barnaby Bonnett	8.43m	1	Lucas Atiga	25	Connor Ruane	28

Table Tennis

The Auckland Table Tennis School Teams Competition took place in Term 3 covering 8 weeks of game rounds. Development Coach Ebi Kleiser from Auckland Table Tennis organises the annual event and is a familiar face to our students here who attend the Table Tennis Club weekly throughout Terms 1 and 2. Ponsonby Intermediate Year 7 and 8 students Briar Palmer, Max Mendez-Baines, Luke Duan, Malek El Hachimi, Chuck Luo, Igor Erkin, Daniel Mallinson and Jenul Marapana entered (3 teams) and all played some strong games, finishing with promising results.

A Grade:

Ponsonby 1 (Briar Palmer, Max Mendez, Theo Kelly-Drumm (SPC) - 6th place

Ponsonby 2 (Luke Duan, Malek El Hachimi, Chuck Luo) - 10th place

B Grade:

Ponsonby 3 (Igor Erkin, Daniel Mallinson, Jenul Marapana) - 6th place

Igor Erkin had a singles win rate of 93%

Boys and Mixed Touch Rugby

In Week 4 Thursday 7th November, Ponsonby Intermediate Boys and Mixed teams headed to Cox's Bay Reserve to compete in the Central Zone Touch Rugby Tournament. With 12 schools entered in the Boys' Grade and nine schools in Mixed Grade, it was a full on day with Ponsonby teams playing 6-7 rounds. The Mixed team placed 1st in their pool and went on to play a double round robin with the other top two schools - Royal Oak and Mount Roskill. Games were fast paced and it was exciting to watch the skill level of the players. Ponsonby Mixed team finished 3rd overall.

The Boys team were up against some really strong and experienced teams, however showed resilience and continued throughout the tournament playing some exciting touch rugby.



Football

This football season Year 8 student Greta Beuth has played in the U13 Girls Academy team at Western Springs Association Football Club (WSAFC).

She received the Most Promising Midfielder Award at prizegiving, and was also nominated for the Most Heart Female Award. Last year Greta received Most Valuable Female Player in Grades 9-12. It's been fantastic to follow Greta's success in this sport - top effort Greta!



Basketball

Ponsonby Year 7 and Year 8 Girls and Boys basketball teams have been super active throughout the year competing in the North Harbour Basketball Schools Competition.

The Ponsonby Bulls (Boys) team competed in the Boys League 4 Competitions at Harbour Basketball and made it to the finals of the grade to play against the Chase King. The Bulls took out the win 28 to 20 coming first in the league.



Year 8 Ponsonby Heat team (Boys) received medals from Harbour Basketball as a special acknowledgement for their season. The team were top of the table all season winning 7 from 7, and looking to take out the finals in their grade. They were the second highest scoring team out of the Intermediate League (110 teams). Archie Bradford was the 3rd highest scorer across the league averaging 20 points per game. Due to unforeseen circumstances on semi-finals day they missed out on a finals spot, and the team were placed 3rd overall. It was a really positive reward for their season's efforts to receive the medals.



Overdue Library Books

We currently have a large number of overdue library books on loan. Can you please help your child find any books they may have at home and have them returned to school. We would love to get them all back before the end of the year.

Homework Club

Homework Club has been a wonderful place this year for students to complete their homework on a Wednesday after school. Due to Athletics Day and events at the end of the year, the group will end today Wednesday 27th November.

School TV



A Special Report: Social Media Influencers

Social media influencers have become powerful individuals who often shape the opinions and beliefs of others due to strong connections with their audiences. In today's fast-paced digital world, attention has become a valuable commodity.

However, the impact of social media influencers on youth mental health is a growing concern, most recently, the controversial actions and statements of Andrew Tate. His rise to fame has made him a polarising figure, amassing a significant following of mostly young males. Educators and families have raised urgent concerns about the damaging nature of Tate's content, worried that his messages may radicalise students and create a generation of young men with regressive and harmful beliefs.

Young people often compare themselves to the idealised lives presented by influencers, leading to feelings of inadequacy, low self-worth and dissatisfaction. Social media algorithms may also expose them to inappropriate or harmful content such as explicit material, promotion of harmful behaviours, or distorted perceptions of body image or mental health.

It is important to guide a young person's social media use and promote open communication. Be curious to comprehend why they might be drawn to radical influencers, like Andrew Tate, and actively seek understanding as part of the solution. While not all influencers have a negative impact, parents play a vital role in ensuring a balanced approach to social media. By actively modelling kindness, respect and positive values, parents can help tackle the sway of radical influencers and be part of the solution to countering unhealthy masculinity.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to respond to misinformation and disinformation, instead encouraging critical thinking and emphasising the value of real-life connections.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-social-media-influencers-nz

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.

Football Coaching Clinic

Please click the link below to sign up for a holiday football coaching clinic:

[Coaching Clinic - Holiday programme](#)



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JUST HAVE FUN 😊

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.

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