

19 March 2025

Important Dates!

20 March

CZ Swimming

Core Conferences

1:20pm – 6pm

School closed for

instruction - 12:30pm

21 March

MARKET DAY

25 March

Immunisations – HPV

CZ Orienteering

1 April

Immunisations – HPV

catchup

2 April

Polyfest

10 April

Kids' Lit Quiz

11 April

End of Term – 3:05pm

finish

28 April

Start of Term 2

2 May

The Great House Race

6 May

CZ Boys Futsal

North Harbour Netball

Starts (Year 7's)

8 May

CZ Girls Futsal

North Harbour Netball

Starts (Year 8's)

Principal's Message

As an intermediate school, with our students spending just two years here, we are dedicated to building a strong school culture and establishing the 'Ponsonby Experience' as quickly as possible. Every event, activity, trip, sport and cultural experience is thoughtfully planned with this goal in mind. Our new Year 7 students have been absolutely fantastic, and we are thrilled to see our efforts come to fruition. They are fully engaged and truly enjoying the vibrant energy of our school. There's a strong sense of respect in the classrooms, at assemblies, and across the playground, and we even know how to use the rubbish bins!

We are excited to meet many of you again this Friday for our Market Day. Thank you so much for supporting our tamariki – this will be a wonderful learning experience for everyone, thanks to the hard work of Mrs Fiddian and our school Councillors.

Just a reminder that tomorrow marks the final round of Student Led Conferences. **Classes will finish at lunchtime, but we are happy to offer supervision in the afternoon if needed. Please let us know in advance if this is required.** office@ponsint.school.nz

Ngā mihi

Nick Wilson

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Sports Update

Central Zone Cricket

The format for the Cricket day was a 6-a-side tournament, where everyone bowls an over and batters bat in pairs, facing two overs. Wickets (outs) are worth negative runs and wides worth two runs.

The Year 7 team played superbly, winning pool play against Pasadena, Mt Roskill and Waikowhai Intermediates'. In the final they won against Remuera 56 runs to 24 - **Well done Boys - 1st Place.**

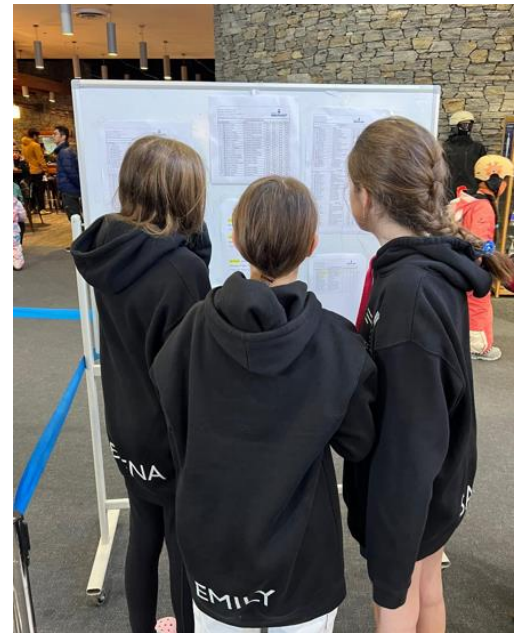
The Year 8 team also played extremely well, unfortunately losing a game against Royal Oak Intermediate locking them out of finals contention. It was a wonderful day of Cricket all round and the boys were excellent ambassadors of our school.





Skiing

Year 8 students Sally Youngman, Emily Van Zoggel and Helena Jenks competed last Tuesday (11 March) in the first round of the Snow Planet Schools Challenger Cup Series for Skiers and Snowboarders. Over 100 competitors from Auckland schools competed starting with warm up runs and then took on the challenge to race against their peers. Of the 18 Intermediate Girls, Sally placed 9th, and was excited to have cracked 18 seconds... chasing 17 seconds! Helena placed 13th and Emily 14th. They skied confidently, representing Ponsonby Intermediate to place 3rd overall in the Girls SKI. Considering these 3 hadn't trained in over 6 months this was a really good result and a really fun day of skiing for them. Thanks to the parents' for their support.



School Camps – Week 1, Term 4

This year All classes will be attending camp in **Week 1 of Term 4**. All camps are catered and provide a range of fun and challenging activities ranging from rock climbing to kayaking and Adventure Based Learning type activities.

All students will be in cabin style accommodation and only required to bring a sleeping bag among other items that will be specified in later newsletters and letters home.

There is no camping in tents on our camps as the focus is more on the activities and the teambuilding aspect of the experience.

Year 7 Camps

All year 7 classes will be attending Carey Park for a 2 night camp. 5 classes will go Monday and Tuesday night (6th October to 8th October) with the other 5 classes going Wednesday and Thursday night (8th October to 10th October)

Year 8 Camps

There are three different locations for Year 8 camps this year and they will be attending camp from Tuesday night to Friday (7th October to 10th October)

There will be more detailed information in our next newsletter regarding cost and where specifically our Year 8 camps are going.

In the meantime, if camp is something you would like to help out with, keep that week in mind and you can register your interest once we send out permission slips and our parent help form in Term 2.

School Tuck Shop - Closed

Due to the company Libelle Group being placed into liquidation our Tuck Shop remains closed. We are working on a solution.

If you or someone you know would like to operate a Tuck Shop business in our school please contact our Principal, Nick Wilson – nickw@ponsint.school.nz

Burn Bright – Student Leadership Workshop

On Tuesday 11th March we had our Burn Bright Workshop, this workshop helps provide guidance and support to our school wide leadership groups. The students had a great day learning about what it means to be a leader and how they can make their mark in the world. They were provided with great guidance and support to ensure they can be successful within their leadership role at Ponsonby Intermediate.

We will be running another workshop later in the year for some of our other leadership groups and any leaders that missed out.

School Hoodie and Track pants

You can order the hoodie (sweatshirt or sweater) and track pants including our new cotton material track pants using the link below (cotton track pants on the left). Your child also has the option of having their name on the back of the hoodie. Guidelines for the name are outlined on our 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.

These items are 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/>



School TV

In this edition of SchoolTV - Confidence & Motivation

Building confidence and motivation in young people is essential for their overall wellbeing and is a key aspect of their development. These qualities can have a lasting impact on their success and happiness. Confidence helps children believe in their abilities and face challenges with a positive attitude, while motivation drives their desire to learn, explore, and achieve their goals. Fostering these traits involves creating an environment that encourages children to take risks, learn from their mistakes, and celebrate their achievements. Confidence is built when children feel capable and valued, while motivation is fuelled by the belief that their efforts will lead to growth and success. By actively supporting both, we can help young people thrive in the academic, social, and personal areas of their life.

By offering positive reinforcement, setting realistic expectations, and celebrating their efforts, we can model a positive mindset that can go a long way in helping young people develop both confidence and motivation. Nurturing these qualities, will help them grow into self-assured individuals who believe in their ability to succeed, setting the foundation for a fulfilling future.

In this edition of SchoolTV, discover how to provide opportunities for autonomy and support your child in persevering through challenges.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always

welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the Confidence & Motivation edition of SchoolTV
<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/confidence-motivation-nz>



Market Day – Friday 21 March from 12.30pm

The students have been busy organising and planning their stalls. We have over 150 stalls registered this year. We can't wait to see what everyone has come up with. Parents you don't want to miss out. Please add **Friday 21st March** to your diaries.



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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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INFORMATION EVENING FOR IN-ZONE 2026 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS FROM PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

We would like to extend an invitation to **IN-ZONE** Year 8 parents and guardians, and their sons/daughters, to attend a presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School in the **second week of Term 2, 2025**.

WHERE: Mount Albert Grammar School in the F.W. Gamble Hall

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2025


TIME: 7.00pm-8.00pm

EVENING PROGRAMME

- A visual presentation about Mount Albert Grammar School for Year 9 students in 2026.
- Information about our Enrolment procedure for the 2026 intake.
- The opportunity to ask questions about the Academic, Sporting and Cultural opportunities at Mount Albert Grammar School.

As parking is unavailable within the school grounds, we would recommend that you park in the surrounding streets.

We look forward to meeting you at this information evening.


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