

## Important Dates

**11 March**

**Netball Parent/Player  
meeting @ 6pm – School  
Hall**

**13 March**

**Modular Conferences  
3:30pm – 8pm**

**17 March**

**School Photos**

**18 March**

**BoT Meeting – 6pm**

**20 March**

**CZ Swimming**

**Core Conferences**

**1:20pm – 6pm**

(School closed for  
instruction from  
12:30pm)

**21 March**

**MARKET DAY**

**12:30 – 1:30pm**

**25 March**

**CZ Orienteering**

**2 April**

**Polyfest**

## Principal's Message

We are excited to announce the upcoming **Market Day** on **Friday 21st March**—a true highlight of the Ponsonby Experience. I strongly encourage all parents and whānau to attend and support our students. This event is an excellent opportunity to witness the entrepreneurial spirit of our students in action. Over the past few weeks, we've been focusing on financial literacy and discussing strategies for a successful day. It's a fantastic, authentic learning experience for our young, forward-thinking students—an excellent example of *articulate, energized achievers preparing for the future*.

To ensure the success of the day, we kindly ask for your support in helping students plan and organise in advance. Your guidance will ensure they are well prepared and equipped to make the most of this exciting opportunity. We also invite all parents and caregivers to join us at the market, whether it's to assist your child or simply to enjoy lunch and explore the creative offerings.

On a personal note, I recently had the privilege of attending a leadership day with our Councillors at the Wero Vector Whitewater Rafting Park. It was an inspiring experience. I'm also pleased to say that our cricket teams are looking exceptionally strong this year, we had a great day out at Keith Hay Park yesterday!

Next week, we'll be sending all students in leadership positions to the 'Burn Bright' workshop, a fantastic opportunity for personal growth. We continue to offer students the chance to take on leadership roles throughout the year, empowering them to develop their skills and make a positive impact on our school community.

Lastly, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the ongoing support from our parent and whānau community. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate team of staff here at Ponsonby, who work tirelessly to support our students. A simple "thank you" can go a long way—so if you have the chance, please do take a moment to show your appreciation for their hard work.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support, and we look forward to seeing you at Market Day!

Ngā mihi

**Nick Wilson**

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## Market Day

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Important Market Day information will be coming home next week. 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.



## School Photos

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School photos will be happening on **Monday 17th March**. The students will have class photos and individual portraits taken on this day. If you would like your children to have sibling photos taken, forms will be available from the school office. Please ensure you have filled this in prior to the day. The students are to be in full school uniform for their photos. A couple of weeks after the photos have been taken the students will bring home a unique keycode which you can use to view and order your child's photos.

## Student Led Conferences - School closes 12.30pm Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

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The school will close for instruction at 12:30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March for Core – Student Led Conferences. Supervision will be available in the Library for students that need this. Please email the office [office@ponsint.school.nz](mailto:office@ponsint.school.nz) if your child requires supervision from 12:30pm - 3:05pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Student Led Conferences are run every term at Ponsonby Intermediate. Core subjects (English and Mathematics) hold conferences twice a year in Term 1 and Term 3. Modular conferences happen every term (as students are involved in two different modular subjects each term).

### On Line Conference Booking

**Thursday 20th March - 1:20pm - 6:00pm - School closed for instruction from 12.30pm**

CORE code: 95rum

Please include your child's room number.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/95rum>

### **Modular Conferences**

**Thursday 13th March - 3:30pm - 8:00pm**

MODULE code: z6335

Please include your child's room number.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/z6335>

Below are the list of teachers and the classes they teach to make booking easier. Please find your child's room number and book in with those teachers.

Thanks,

Cobey Bennett

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

## Core Teachers:

### English:

**Katie Fiddian:** Teaching Rooms 11, 14

**Lauren Collins:** Teaching Rooms 3, 12, 16

**Inger Moffat:** Teaching Rooms 9, 25, 30

**Penelope Dunn:** Teaching Rooms 15, 17, 23

**Kellie Spencer:** Teaching Rooms 1, 21

**Stephanie Bruce:** Teaching Rooms 8, 26, 28

**Angela Lane:** Teaching Rooms 18, 20, 22

### Maths:

**Ian Wannamaker:** Teaching Rooms, 12, 21, 25, 30

**Jennie Chatfield:** Teaching Rooms 1, 14, 18, 22

**Katherine Busch:** Teaching Rooms 15, 17, 23, 28

**Lisa Stephenson:** Teaching Rooms 3, 9, 16, 20

**Andrea Sherrock:** Teaching Room 8, 11, 26

## Module Teachers:

### **Design Technologies: Cobey Bennett**

Teaching Rooms 1, 16, 17, 23, 26

### **Art: Sarah Valintine**

Teaching Rooms 1, 16, 17, 23, 26

### **Art: Racheal Wilson**

Teaching Rooms 17, 26

### **Performing Arts: Christine Cullen**

Teaching Rooms: 14, 15, 18, 25, 30

### **Music: Claire Holmes**

Teaching Rooms: 14, 15, 18, 25, 30

### **Health & PE: Brooke Jameson**

PE & Health - Teaching Rooms - 1, 3, 14, 15, 17, 28

PE - Teaching Rooms - 12, 16, 18, 23

**Health & PE: Michelle Murray**

PE & Health - Teaching Rooms 8, 9, 20, 25, 26, 30

Health - Teaching Rooms 11, 12, 16, 18, 21, 22

**Home Economics: Kelly Richardson**

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 12, 21

**Science: Sione Taupeaafa**

Teaching Rooms: 8, 9, 11, 12, 21

**Science: Jane Jeon**

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28

**Exploring Technology: Andy Wilson**

Teaching Rooms: 3, 20, 22, 28

**Social Sciences: Sarah Howie**

Teaching Rooms: 8, 11, 14, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28, 30

**Learning Languages: Brooke Jameson**

Teaching Room: 25

**Learning Languages: Holly Francis**

Teaching Rooms: 1, 3, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22

# Sports Update

## Table Tennis

Ponsonby's Table Tennis Club (TTC) has got off to a great start this term, with Monday afternoons being a hive of lively activity in the school hall. Moving the TTC to its new environment this year has provided a greater space for students to move around and learn new table tennis skills and games. Auckland Development coach Ebi Kleiser has been impressed with the number of students who've joined up to play this sport. The programme will continue to run again in Term 2 for new students wanting to join.



## Central Zone Tennis

The girls' and boys' tennis teams competed in their respective Central Zone Tournaments at Windmill Reserve courts with both groups having great days out and playing a lot of games!

Year 8 Girls doubles team Zara Twigg and Helena Jenks played confidently, they had a lot of close scoring games and the feedback they received from the other teams on being the best team to play went a long way.

The boys had a lot of fun on and off the court and played some exciting tennis, supporting each other throughout the tournament finishing with awesome results overall. Year 7 Boys Daniel Weir (singles) - 8th, Freddie Hill and Austin McElwee (doubles) - 7th; Year 8 Boys Noah Xharra Bates (singles) - 5th, Jack Jones and Milo Holloway (doubles) - 4th. Shout out to the girls and boys parents - thanks for their fantastic support on the day.





## Year 7 CZ Softball

The Y7 boys team showed up for the Central Zone feeling apprehensive about the day. For most of the team, it was their first Central Zone Tournament. They had to attend a few trials to demonstrate their skills, as well as practice sessions involving batting practice and games against the Y8 boys' team to be prepared for the day.

Their first game against Kowhai Intermediate was a good warm-up. At the end of two innings, a 7-7 score card was the result. In their next game against Auckland Normal Intermediate they had some good hitting, base running and teamwork, earning themselves a 10-6 victory.

The victory meant a spot in the semifinals against the top team of the other division, Balmoral. By the end of our second innings, we were able to put up seven home runs to their five. In their next innings, Balmoral were scoring more home runs due to our increasing number of errors, maybe due to the pressure of the game or the heat of the day. The full-time siren went, and the team was not so happy about it. When they found out they had won due to an even



innings ruling by the umpire, the screams of jubilation could not be contained, and they knew they would be facing Kowhai once again in the final.

The results did not go our way as the team we played in the final had vastly improved, particularly their pitcher and infield defence since our first meeting that morning. Second place in their first Central Zone was celebrated, but there was plenty of chatter on the ride back to school about what they should have done and even planning for next year's event.

Congratulations to the team of Ritchie 3, Noah 8 (Capt), Hugo V 9, Rory 11, George 11, Oscar 11, Daniel 11, Louie 15, Edward 15, Ronit 15, Eli 16 and Ben 28.

## **Year 8 Boys CZ Softball**

The Y8 boys went to War Memorial Park in Mt Roskill on Thursday 27 February to compete in the Central Zone Softball competition. The day started off a bit cool, with a light drizzle but that didn't dampen the boys' spirit. With a bye in the first round and another school failing to show up, the boys did a friendly warm up game against Pasadena. The first official game was against Pasadena, of which we went down 5-0. Our next game was against ANI. We put up a good fight but went down 5-4. In our final round-robin game, we played Royal Oak. A tight game that ended as a draw. The team showed good character, unity and sportspersonship throughout the day. A win, a draw and 2 losses for the day. Thank you to our parent helpers Shontelle and Tanya, assisting with the driving to and from the school as well as Tanya being supporter of the year providing oranges, home baking and a foldable chair! Cheers to the teacher coaches Mr Wannamaker & Mr Taupeaafe.

Team members: Darragh 12, Fletcher 12, Cameron (Vice Captain) 17, Connor 17, Adam 17, Te Kaia 14, Barnaby 14, Zak (captain) 14, Max 21, Arlo 22, Logan 22, Dom 23, Hamish 23





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## Softball Girls

This year we were so excited to take both a Year 7 and Year 8 girls softball team to the Central Zone Softball Zone Day. For most of our girls this was a new sport with new skills we had to learn before the day. Both teams trained hard in the lead up and were excited to represent Ponsonby. The Year 7 team played hard with 2 wins out of 3 games. A highlight was one 17 home innings. The Year 7's came away with fourth place equal. Our Year 8 girls played hard against some tough competition.

It was such a great day out and we couldn't have been prouder of the team spirit, positivity and skill displayed by both teams.

Thanks Mrs Fiddian and Ms Bennett



## A Message from Auckland Transport

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Please remind students to always tag on and off the school bus with their AT HOP card. This means Auckland Transport can accurately track the numbers of students on buses and adjust services where necessary. Another tip is to enable the auto top-up feature on your child's AT HOP card. This means the balance will automatically top up once it falls below the figure you set.

In addition to this issue, we are also aware that some students are using bus stops as a place to socialise, hanging around while multiple services they could choose to catch pass by. Students leaving it until the last minute are often finding that they then can't even fit on their chosen bus as it is at capacity. This bus stop crowding is also creating a safety issue, sometimes preventing other passengers from catching their service. Please remind your school community that students should get on the first available bus to avoid these problems.

## SchoolTV - Anxiety

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Most young people today experience anxiety at some point in their life. Sometimes that slight rush of anxiety that occurs prior to an exam or sporting event, can enhance their performance. However, experiencing too much anxiety, over long periods of time, can be extremely damaging to their health and wellbeing. There is a difference between 'good' and 'bad' anxiety. Statistics show, that the psychological health of young people today is far worse than it was a generation ago. This is having an adverse affect on children in both primary and secondary levels. Some of their issues of concern include stress, school, study, body image and friendship. Parents need to be aware of the warning signs of 'bad' anxiety. There are preventative measures parents can implement as well as teaching kids the skills to cope more efficiently with their anxiety.

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 **Anxiety** edition of SchoolTV:

<https://ponsonbyintermediate.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/youth-anxiety>

## Robe Cope – Parent Resource

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### **The One Trick That Gets Kids to Tidy Up—No More Nagging!**

Parenting is hard enough—we don't need to make it harder by constantly chasing our kids to tidy up. The endless reminders, the pushback, the frustration... it's exhausting. But what if there was a way to make tidying up effortless? There's one simple trick that makes tidying easy—no more nagging, no more battles! [Click on the link to watch](#)

# Term 1 Calendar (Week 7 – Week 11)

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	10 March	11 March	12 March	13 March	14 March
		CZ Girls Cricket <b>Burn Bright</b> Student Leadership workshop Netball Parent/Player meeting @ 6pm (hall)		Modular Conferences 3:30 - 8pm	Basketball Trials Y7
8	17 March	18 March	19 March	20 March	21 March
	School Photos			CZ Swimming Core Conferences 1:20pm - 6pm School Closed for instruction from 12:30pm	Market Day
9	24 March	25 March	26 March	27 March	28 March
		Immunisations - Boostrix, HPV CZ Orienteering			
10	31 March	1 April	2 April	3 April	4 April
			IZ Swimming Polyfest	Kāhui Ako Maths Hub	
11	7 April	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April
				Kids' Lit Quiz	End of Term

# 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

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**Ages  
7-14**

# After School Classes!

## Writing Club

### Upskill and craft texts

Designed to equip students with the skills and confidence to tackle different writing genres and craft their work for a specific audience.

\$20 per session, Wednesdays/Thursdays.



## Musical Theatre

### Triple Threats incoming!

In this fun and dynamic class, students will develop their skills in dancing, singing, and acting.

No prior experience required.

\$20 per session, Mondays.



## Drama

### Discover the power of Drama

In this class, students will explore stories, express ideas, and tap into their creativity while developing fundamental acting skills.

\$20 per session, Wednesdays/Thursdays.

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## Tutoring

### Literacy & Numeracy support

One-on-one and small group tutoring sessions tailored to meet each student's individual needs.

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