

Important Dates

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)

13 May

OPEN MORNING
Readers and Writers
Festival

16 May

Pink Shirt Day

20 May

BoT Meeting – 6pm
CZ Y7 Boys Football

22 May

CZ Y8 Boys Football

Principal's Message

As we near the end of the term, the practical component of our Modular subjects takes centre stage. Students are putting in a lot of effort to complete their projects and tasks. Looking ahead, Term 2 will bring fresh Modular subjects and a new Thursday afternoon Option for all students, along with exciting events such as the Great House Race and Talent Quest. It's shaping up to be a thrilling time in our intermediate school journey.

As I've mentioned earlier this year, student participation has been outstanding. Whether it's in sports, leadership roles, or cultural groups, the involvement has been impressive. A prime example of this was the awesome engagement at Market Day. Thank you for your continued support – it was a fun learning experience for all of us!

Finally, check out our Term 2 calendar, with lots of exciting events coming up such as our School Production, Great House Race and many other extra-curricular activities.

Ngā mihi

Nick Wilson

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Polyfest

The cultural groups at Ponsonby Intermediate got a special treat on Wednesday with a trip to ASB Polyfest. 60 students enjoyed a day of beautiful performances, delicious food and unique shopping opportunities. A favourite for many students were the physical challenges set by the Fire Service and Police force. The day gave students an insight into the competition they could participate in once they reach secondary school, if they continue in Kapa Haka, Pasifika, Bollywood or another cultural group. A huge thank you to the amazing parents who came along to help the students have an awesome day!





Market Day Photos





School Camps – Week 1, Term 4

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 first Term 2 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.

Sports Update

Weekly Competition Teams

Ponsonby Intermediate sports teams involved in weekly competitions in Terms 2 and 3 are registered and players are ready to participate. Here's a reminder about the competition start dates:

- **Netball** North Harbour Competition: Year 7s Tuesday 6th May and Year 8s Thursday 8th May.
- **Hockey** North Harbour Kwik Sticks Competition: Tuesday 6th May.
- **ASA Swim League** Competition: Round 1 Saturday 10th May
- **Water Polo** Atlantis City Central League: Friday 2nd May.
- **Skiing**: Training starts Wednesday 7th May at Snow Planet.

Central Zone Swimming Competition

On Thursday 20th March, 24 Ponsonby students travelled to Diocesan Aquatic Centre in Epsom to compete in the Central Zone Swimming Competition. The swimmers performed very well at the meet, showing their dedication, speed, and endurance. Many set personal bests as this was their first swim meet to have competed in. Their hard work paid off with strong starts, powerful strokes, and great finishes. Team spirit was high as they cheered each other on. Overall, it was a successful and exciting event.

A special congratulations to Alex Park, Ella Wilson-Winiata and Austin McElwee for making the finals of their races. Well done to all these swimmers who competed on the day: Amelia Bell (28), Ruby McKubre (1), Indi West (28), Luna Gan (3), Liliana Bidlake (11), Chloe Harper (11), Alex Milkop-Kerr (15), Alex Park (16), Austin McElwee (15), Mack Sweet (25), Harrison Laing (16), Max McKimmon (1), Kieran Saunders (28), William Zhang (11), Ella Wilson-Winiata (14), Evie Cui (14), Mya Boaza (19), Angie Broughton (23), Aleph Reade-Shareef (23), Xavier Timmers (18), Darragh Coll (12), Ethan Hao (22) Logan Crosswell (22), Baden Kerr (18)





Table Tennis

Ponsonby Intermediate Table Tennis Club has been a very popular sport throughout Term 1 with high numbers attending the sessions. Auckland Development Coach Ebi Kleiser has been running a well-structured programme and is delighted with the enthusiasm and fun students are having learning new skills and playing games. This sport is running again in Term 2, starting Week 1 on Monday 28th April from 3:10pm - 4:30pm and will continue every Monday (in the school hall) until the end of Term.

To sign up for Term 2, students can collect a Table Tennis letter from the school hall foyer.



Orienteering

This year we had 55 students making up 10 Orienteering teams, that is possibly a school record! Students learnt map reading skills at school and practised on our own school course before the day of the event.

It was held at Waitatarua Reserve in Remuera on a hot sunny day, which made the 2.5km course challenging. Student race as individuals on their own course and then team times are collated.

Congratulations

- **Oscar Berry** - 1st Year 7 Boys on Course 6 - 18min 29sec
- **George Vincent** - 2nd Year 8 Boys on Course 2 - 17min 09sec
- **Sally Youngman** - 3rd Year 8 Girls on Course 6 - 21min 02sec



Mountain Biking

A group of committed parents, led by Andrew Millington are working towards setting up the Ponsonby Intermediate Mountain Biking Club for the group of students who've expressed an interest in this sport. In the meantime Otis Jefferies and Finn Millington participated in the first of the Auckland MTB Club Schools Series: <https://aucklandmtb.co.nz/schools/race-schedule/>

The boys had lots of fun and with 4 more races to go, they're hoping to get more crew involved. Top effort!! Watch this space.



Tuck Shop

Lunches can be ordered everyday through **eZlunch**, Kindo's lunch service by simply clicking here!

- Go-Deli's Catering and Café menu - warm and cold mains, sushi, Asian and café meals, snacks and drinks
- Subway Ponsonby – 6inch subs, combos, subs, drinks & cookies

Order (or cancel) before 9am on the day or schedule in advance. Your **eZlunch** will be delivered to the school in time for lunch. Click here to view the menu.

Orders are made online through your myKindo account. One account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready... Click here or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!

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/>



Rob Cope – Parenting Tips and Tricks

Many of you attended the Rob Cope talk, 'Our Kids Online' last week. Each week Rob is sharing a video of helpful tips and tricks around device use, child well-being, relationships and many other topics that are important to parents and the community. Check out this week's video with a bonus video.

Play Station v Cards

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ue87SeaQkUg>

The Good Will Cup

[Click on the link to watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2LJJhybHKY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2LJJhybHKY)

Ponsonby Intermediate Calendar - Term 2, 2025

Calendar is subject to change. You will be notified of these changes in our newsletters, emails and daily notices

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	28 April	29 April	30 April	1 May	2 May
			Attitude Talk Tackling Technology Friday P 5 and 6 Timetable		Great House Race Y7 GHR 3,4, DEEP 5,6 Y8 GHR 5,6 DEEP 3,4
2	5 May	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May
		CZ Boys Futsal North Harbour Netball Starts (year 7)	Production Rehearsal Day	CZ Girls Futsal North Harbour Netball Starts (year 8)	
3	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May
		Open Morning Readers and Writers Festival CZ Waterpolo		Talent Quest @ 1:35pm (TBC)	Pink Shirt Day
4	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May
		BOT meeting CZ Year 7 Boys Football	Open Morning	CZ Year 8 Boys Football	
5	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May
		CZ Year 7 Girls Football		CZ Year 8 Girls Football	Production Rehearsal Day
6	2 June	3 June	4 June	5 June	6 June
	King's Birthday		Modular Conferences 3:30 - 8pm	Open Morning	
7	9 June	10 June	11 June	12 June	13 June
	CZ Girls and Boys Rugby	Open Morning	Open Morning	Production Rehearsal Day	
8	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June	20 June
	ARTS WEEK/PRODUCTION WEEK				
	CZ Boys Hockey Dress Rehearsal	CZ Girls Hockey Boostrix Year 7 (Year 8 HPV1 catch up) Matinee Opening Night	Evening Performance	CZ Table Tennis Matinee Evening Performance	Matariki
9	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June
		BOT Meeting		Music Assembly - Showcase	End of Term



Ponsonby Intermediate School

OPEN DAYS

2025



Open Morning Dates

Tuesday 13th May	Wednesday 21st May
Thursday 5th June	Tuesday 10th June
Wednesday 11th June	Tuesday 22nd July
Tuesday 12th August	

Open Evening

Wednesday 6th August 6:00 pm

Email to register for tours

office@ponsint.school.nz

TOUR 1: 9:15AM

TOUR 2: 9:45AM

Out of Zone Enrolments

Close: Friday 22nd August

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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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22ND, 23RD & 24TH - APRIL

9AM - 3PM



EPSOM GIRLS GRAMMAR

**FOR YEARS 5 - 9 MINIPOLO, INTERMEDIATES,
NEPTUNES, U12 & U14S PLAYERS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION -
COMPETITIONS@ACWPA.CO.NZ**

REGISTER THROUGH OUR WEBSITE OR LINK IN BIO



ATLANTIS CITY
WATER POLO & AQUATICS CLUB

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Dates:

14/16 and 21/23/25
April

Time:

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Venue:

Herne Bay Rackets Club

Cost:

\$50 per day

Or

\$230 for 5 days

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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