



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



OUR VISION

That every child is able to learn and take risks in a safe Christ-centered environment that focuses on family and community values.

OUR MISSION

Pompallier Catholic School is committed to the provision of quality education, inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Faith is expressed through the Mercy charism and values to make a positive difference in the community and environment. Pompallier Catholic School nurtures the development of each person's full growth, in a continuing tradition of excellence.

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Special points of interest:

- FAMILY MASS Sunday 18th February
- Important dates
- Summer Photo Competition
- Twilight Gala Friday 23rd March



Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula Vinaka, Konnichi wa, Dobrodošli, Sawa dee, Failte

Welcome back to school everyone! What a wonderful summer break it has been! I hope you have all had some special time with your whanau and friends. I certainly loved the break and enjoyed having "time" without rushing. I am excited about the year ahead.

I am writing this newsletter before school begins as I am on leave until Wednesday 4th April as I recover from surgery. I am very grateful and fortunate that our wonderful team will continue to strive ahead with our goals. We have been together for many years and have the benefit of being strong together. Joanne Ryken will be capably picking up my role and can be contacted via the school office or via email

jryken@pompallierprimary.school.nz

2018 THEME

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new whanau to our school. We are proud of our school and hope that you feel welcomed by our students, teachers, whanau and parish as we work together to provide a strong Catholic education. Some insight on the year ahead.....

We are really excited about our theme.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

Our goals around the acronym REACH.

Resilience
Excellence
Achievement
Co-operation
Holistic

*Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo
nga uri whakatipu*

*Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength,
independence and growth for future generations.*

We begin term 1 with a Social Science theme based around "People, Community and Resources" and how people view and use other people and the environment. We are establishing "who we are" and how we can use and care for the environment that God has created for us.

We have many exciting Special Character Days planned for term one, so keep the calendar handy and update it during each newsletter. We begin with our whole school Mass, and then soon have Shrove Tuesday and ASH Wednesday. You will see lots of updates on our school Facebook page, the teacher's notices and via your child/ren.

INFORMATION

Our newsletters are printed on a fortnightly basis and cover every aspect of our school and what is going on. They go out on a Friday and can be jam packed with lots of information, so keep an eye on them. The teachers and students will also be sharing notices via their classroom blogs and/or newsletters to keep you updated with weekly activities and learning within the classroom.

Check our facebook page Pompallier Catholic School for updates too. Dates can change (and at times can be last minute due to unforeseen circumstances) so ensure Helen in the office has your up-to-date mobile number for texting options, any change of address or contact and new allergy or health concerns.

We celebrate with school assembly every fortnight (see the calendar). We love having our community join us in the Church on a Friday at 2pm, so keep the time clear if you are able to celebrate with us.

Remember, we are proud of our open door policy, so come in and see your child's teacher, or give us a ring to make an appointment to see them if you need to clarify anything.

I look forward to catching up with you all when I return. God bless, Kathryn Carey (Principal)

TWILIGHT GALA

The countdown is on!!!!

We hold our parish/school twilight gala once per year and it is on

**Friday 23rd March
from 3 until approximately 8pm**

This means it is 7 weeks away, so we are kicking into action. This gala is in partnership with the parish and it is lovely to mix in and meet our wider community as we work towards raising extra funds for our school and parish.

We are looking for:

- Stalls—art, food, plants, vegetables etc
- Games and fun activities
- Food and grocery donations
- Raffles
- Help with "mail drops"
- Help with setting up and then later cleaning up
- Help within the stalls
- Key contact people for each classroom to contribute

I promise it is a great evening packed with fun for our children and we really appreciate your help. Either contact Torina Shanks 021 704 570 or leave your details at the office.

If you would like to be part of this wonderful team who help fundraise for our school, come along to the next meeting, or simply join the Facebook page called Pompallier Events, which is run by the PTFA team. It is a great way to meet other families in the school.

This year we have used the funds to pay for stationery.



COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

We are proud of our open door policy and invite you to air any concerns or queries that you may have. We often don't realise if you are dissatisfied unless you come and speak to us.

If you have a complaint, concern or query, please make an appointment to see your child/ren's teacher as it can be difficult to talk informally in our busy school. We are a Catholic School, every child is unique and relationship is key.

Our aim is that all parties feel heard and we treat each other with courtesy and respect.

If you do not feel satisfied, the following are guidelines for complaints at our school:

Guidelines

- Parents and staff will be informed early each year of the procedures to be followed in making complaints.
- Complaints must be taken up personally with the person/s concerned, but if the situation is not resolved satisfactorily, then they must be lodged in writing to the appropriate person, as defined below.
- Health matters, peer relationships and learning problems will be raised with the class teacher.
- The Principal will be approached if the complaint has gained no satisfaction from the teacher.
- The Principal is to receive any complaints, which are very personal, or serious, or of a school wide nature.
- The Board of Trustees will deal with any complaints not dealt with satisfactorily, or those dealing with the Principal's decisions or actions.
- The Chairperson of the Board, or another person appointed by the Board, will deal with any complaints against any of the Board.
- The person will be given the right to respond and to have the right to representation.
- The Board will appoint a person, or persons to handle complaints against the Principal and any other Board member.
- Written complaints will receive a written or personal response.

UNIFORM

Summer, term 1 uniform with black sandals (year 7/8's can also have black plain shoes due to technology) tidy hair cuts (no mohawks or patterns cut into hair, no hair dye). Longer hair tied up for the girls/boys. Year 7/8 students in white polo shirts and year 0-6 in green.

Our uniform policy can be found on our school website. Please ensure that your child comes with the correct uniform and a sun hat for one of the hottest terms we have. Thank you for the support to keep our students looking tidy and proud to be at PCS!

We have sandals and green t-shirts available for \$10. We will be ordering these on Monday, so notify us if you would like to put an order in.

We also have a huge amount of "pre-loved" uniforms available. Please call in to the office.

SWIMMING

Swimming will be a part of our programme for term 1. It is so important that your child comes with a swimming cap, swimwear, goggles (if you have them) and a towel. It is vital that our children know how to swim so please support this part of our curriculum. Each class gets approximately 30 minutes in the Kaitia Swimming Pool for 5 weeks, starting on Tuesday 7th February. Please encourage your child to look after all of their gear and have it named.

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

HYDRATION FACTS

Over half of your body is made up of water. We lose water by:

- Sweating
- Going to the toilet
- Breathing

The best drink to hydrate us is water. It's freely available and contains no sugar.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

POMPALLIER DISCIPLES/ SPECIAL CHARACTER TEAM/ HOUSE GROUP CAPTAINS

Every year 7 and 8 has the opportunity to apply for these sought after positions of leadership within our school. The process involves writing a job application and then senior staff sit down and make the very tough decisions!. For many of these students, this is their first application for a job and a great experience for teaching them about future skills! Watch this space for announcements of leaders soon!

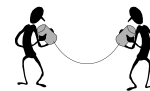
Our students are always great leaders and are a huge help in our school. They are great role models of our school values and gain lots of experience in leadership to set them off into their next journey at secondary school.

COMMUNICATION

We always aim to keep you well informed. If you need to find out anything urgent you will be sent a text from Helen in the office (if she has your number). We also update our facebook page—see Pompallier Catholic School and other information is on our website. Our staff will be building up their classroom blogs as another form of communication as the year progresses.

<http://www.pompallierprimary.school.nz/>

Please check that our school has your up-to-date contact details such as mobile, home phone and address.



PERMISSION

Enclosed is a permission slip that covers our day-to-day trips and activities. We will always notify you of any travel or walking that we do as a school, but this covers us for the year.

There is also a digital citizenship form that you need to discuss with your child. We are also teaching these skills at school. All students in year 4 to 8 are required to sign digital citizenship to remain responsible and safe.

I am a Digital Citizen!

When I'm at school,
I will use my
PERSONAL DEVICE
for **EDUCATIONAL**
PURPOSES only.

*I will only use the
assigned WIFI network
when I'm at school.

*I will keep my device
safe and secure at all
times.

I listen to my **GUT!**
I make sure that I am
SAFE & APPROPRIATE
when I am online.

*I will visit appropriate
websites that promote
learning and are for
educational purposes.

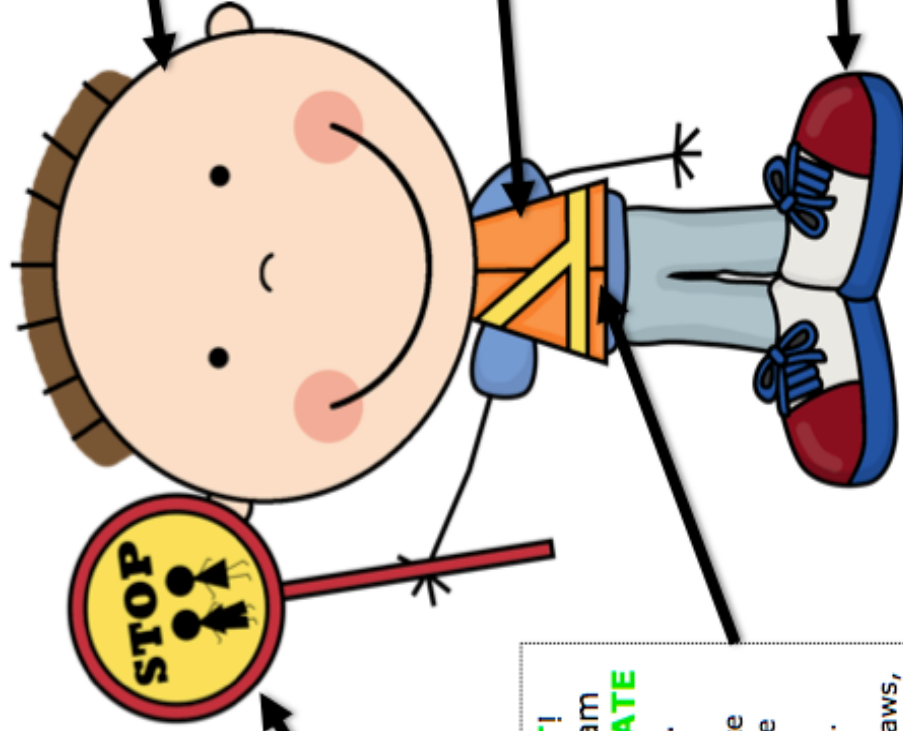
*I will follow Copyright Laws,
and will remember to cite the
sources I use for all my
projects.

I listen to my **HEAD!**
I will protect my
PRIVATE INFO and the
information of others.

*I will log out, and not share
my login or password with
others.

I listen to my **HEART!**
I **RESPECT** myself and
others when I am
online. I use kind
words, and remember
that my "digital
footprint" should not
harm others.

I **STAND UP** and say
"No!" to
CYBERBULLYING.
I will tell an adult if
someone is being
unkind or harmful.





**Share your best
SUMMER photo
and be in to
win!!**

***A SMART summer caption will
make your entry even luckier!***

Competition closes on Friday 23rd March

Gold coin entry fee

Anyone can enter – have fun photographers !

5 Categories:

Adult (14yrs+) Year 7 & 8 Year 5 & 6	Year 3 & 4 Year 0 - 2
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1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes and FAME!

STAFFING 2018—Teaching Staff

Class	Teacher
Kiwi	Mrs Melissa Watson
Pukeko	Mrs Georgina Trewavas
Kea	Mrs Joanne Ryken
Tui	Mr Phil Gunn
Kakapo	Mrs Stacey Cutler
Te Kahu	Mrs Nicola Dromgool

Support Staff

Classroom Release	Mrs Moira Davis
Deputy Release, Job-Share and Specialist Teacher	Mrs Moira Davis
0.2 Longterm Reliever	Mrs Leonie Murray
Administration	Mrs Helen Phillips
Teacher Assistants	Mrs Donna Scutt Mrs Lisa Wright Ms Michele Scutt
Caretaker	Mr Glen Buckingham

WELCOME



We would love to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their whanau !

It is always wonderful to see our school grow with such enthusiastic and confident students! We know they will love being at PCS!

SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

Tena koutou katoa, warm greetings for 2018.

As we begin this year refreshed and ready for learning, our teachers will begin the year with a focus on our school charism. We are a Mercy School, and hold fast to traditions of Mercy.

One key scripture comes to mind - Matthew 25:40 "You did it for me". In Christ's human life, always a few made up for the neglect of others. The shepherds did it; their hurrying to the crib atoned for the people who would flee from Christ. The wise men did it in their journey across the world made up for those who refused to stir one hand's breadth from the routine of their lives to go to Christ.

We can do it too, exactly as they did. We are not born too late. We do it by seeing Christ and serving Christ in friends and strangers, in everyone we meet. We can live by Mercy.

Christ himself has proved it for us. For he said that a glass of water given to a beggar was given to him. He made heaven hinge on the way we act toward him in his disguise of commonplace, frail, ordinary humanity. *Did you give me food when I was hungry? Did you give me to drink when I was thirsty? Did you give me clothes when my own were all rags? Did you come to see me when I was sick, or in prison, or in trouble?*

And to those who say, aghast, that they never had a chance to do such a thing, that they lived two thousand years too late, he will say again what they had the chance of knowing all their lives, that if these things were done for the very least of members of his family, they were done to him.

For a Christ, the goad of duty is not needed - always prodding one to perform this or that good deed. It is not a duty to help Christ, it is a privilege. It is likely that Martha and Mary sat back and considered that they had done all that was expected of them - it is likely that Peter's mother-in-law grudgingly served the chicken she had meant to keep till Sunday because she thought it was her 'duty'? She did it gladly; she would have served ten chicken if she had had them.

This is our challenge, how can we live a life of Mercy, gladly, freely, and by choice.

Yours in Christ
Georgina Trewavas

A reminder, for safety of our children, please drive slowly in the carpark. No child is to leave the gate area unsupervised. Please do not park in the yellow lines.



PLEASE NOTE!! A friendly reminder to all drivers to STOP at the bottom of the hill when leaving our school drive into Eden Terrace. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

February/March/April 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk 1	30	30 Powhiri First Day	31	1	2 Newsletter	3	4
Wk 2 FEB	5	6 WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY	7 Swimming	8 Swimming	9	10	11
Wk3	12	13 Swimming Shrove Tuesday BOT meeting	14 Swimming ASH WEDNESDAY	15 Swimming	16 Newsletter	17	18
Wk 4	19	20 Swimming	21 Swimming	22 Swimming	23 PCS Swimming Sports (helpers needed)	24	25 FAMILY MASS All attend
Wk5 MAR	26	27 Swimming	28 Swimming	1 Swimming	2 Newsletter	3	4
Wk6	5	6 Swimming	7 Swimming	8 Swimming	9 PCS Swimming Sports (helpers needed)	10	11
Wk7	12	13 BOT meeting	14	15	16 Newsletter Central Swimming Zones (helpers)	17	18
Wk8	19 ST JOSEPHS DAY	20	21 Far North Swim Zones	22	23 Twilight Gala (helpers needed)	24	25 PCS MASS Shared kai Palm Sunday
Wk9 APR	26	27	28	29 EASTER PLAY Newsletter	30 Good FRIDAY HOLIDAY	31	1
Wk 10	2 EASTER BREAK	3 EASTER BREAK	4	5	6	7	8
Wk 11	9	10	11	12	13 Newsletter	14	15

This calendar gives you an idea of what is coming up during the term. Put the dates somewhere important to remember them. Dates can change at times, so please check this calendar each newsletter. If there are last minute changes we will notify you by text, and add comments onto our school Facebook page. Make sure you contact Helen in the office to ensure you are part of our "phone tree". Term one is certainly a

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