



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:

- Reconciliation lessons
- Duffy Assembly Monday 1st April 1.30pm
- School Disco Thursday 4th April 5pm onwards
- Easter Play Tuesday 9th April 11.30am
- Chrism Mass in Whangarei Tuesday 16th April



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

It has certainly been a sad time in NZ over the past two weeks—but also a wonderful chance to recognise the blessings of support with each other in our special country. Our children took the opportunity to share in special prayers for Christchurch and the community. It is a very good reminder that we include all people as part of our Catholic faith. It is also a timely reminder to check our procedures and policies and ensure that our staff and students have good systems in place. These are regularly reviewed by the Board to give us clear systems for our kura.

CULTURE

On that note it leads in to our next project for our school. We are very excited to be celebrating the range of cultures in our school and parish community. We have an art project that Gloria Seddon is leading. We are hoping to include all the cultures that we have so welcome any input you can share. Watch the library walls turn into a welcoming colourful cultural celebration!!!

FATHER PAT AWARD

At our school Mass on Sunday we had the privilege of awarding the Father Pat Award. This was begun by the Littlewood family in 2011. The award goes to students who contribute to the school and parish. It is awarded near Father Pat's Anniversary of 19th April, however falling in the school holidays we celebrated on his birthday instead. This year we are proud to acknowledge Scott Haines and MacKenzie Knight. Two of our students who take part in our school and parish with strong values and reliability. Congratulations to you both, we are very proud. See the photo further in the newsletter.

PTFA

It was our first PTFA meeting a couple of weeks ago and we had a great turnout of motivated whanau!

They have planned their first event, a school disco! There will be loads of delicious food for dinner and great fun to be had by all. Set aside Thursday 4th April from 5-8pm to dance the night away.

LEARNING GOALS

The staff have been gathering school wide data and inputting it on spreadsheets for Woolf Fisher research as part of our Manaikalani journey. We will be meeting again with the Woolf Fisher team in term 3 to track our longitudinal data as a cluster. All students are tracked in our school on a termly basis, and teachers keep detailed spreadsheets to plot personal progress and achievement. We also have an inquiry that we are working on together. The staff meet every Monday to discuss learning and teacher practice. We share things that are being implemented in classrooms and programmes to benefit our learners. Students have goals they are working on in their learning, so take some time to ask them about these.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

We have lots going on for our teachers this year. Projects include

- Manaikalani Innovative Teacher with a project around shifting student achievement through digital learning and project based learning
- ALIM—acceleration learning in mathematics and maths lead teacher with specific teacher practice around maths
- Manaikalani Lead Teacher and Kahui Ako in-school teacher. These roles includes the learn, create, share pedagogy and practice school wide. Task design and critical thinking are key here.
- Play-based learning
- DFI—digital fluency intensive. Focus around lifting knowledge of digital practice

All of these things are being filtered into our school throughout the year! It's a exciting time to be learning new things. Life-time learning being modelled at PCS that's for sure!

Have a wonderful and safe weekend.

God bless,
Kathryn Carey (Principal)

PTFA DISCO - Thursday 4th April

**Kaitia Kids Centre
(behind Te Ahu Centre)**

\$2 entry

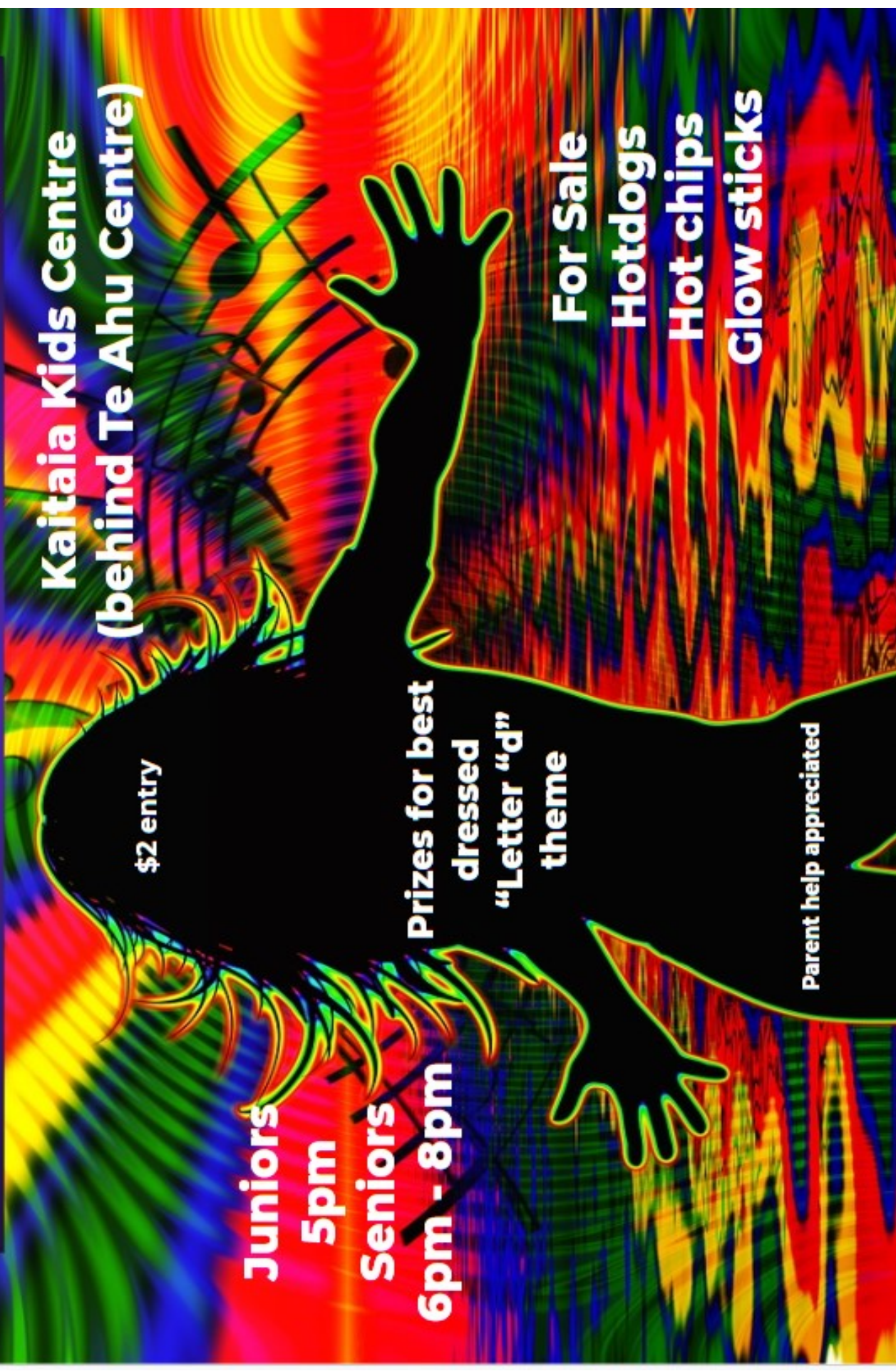
**Juniors
5pm**

**Seniors
6pm - 8pm**

**Prizes for best
dressed
"Letter 'd'"
theme**

**For Sale
Hotdogs
Hot chips
Glow sticks**

Parent help appreciated



Student of the Week



Kiwi/
Pukeko

Lukah Dromgool, Tova Dye and
Karly Kopae

Kea

Oscar Gray and Leila Pereira

Tui

Ricardo Spense-Flood, Caleb-Rose
Waipouri, Ryder Molina and Taryn Knight

Kakapo

Calista Shanks and Blake Maskell

Te Kahu

Evan Murray and James Nasr

We SHINE at PCS



Congratulations to our students of the week. They are chosen by the classroom teacher based on standing out in the past two weeks around our focus RISE—respect, inspire, service and excellence. Part of this award is a book that the school sponsors. We are always very proud of our students of the week! Ka pai!!

WELCOME



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

Kiwi/Pukeko: Ella Currin and Arav Patel
Kea: Soham Patel

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

Yay! Lent! (said no one ever)

People often don't look forward to Lent. Childhood memories of giving up candy or sitting through weekly Stations of the Cross come immediately to mind. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth. But have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."

Giving up something for Lent, eating fish on Fridays and fasting from meat, almsgiving and penance throughout the forty days of Lent—these are practices for which Catholics are known. But why do we do this? Because through these commitments—known as "Lenten practices" or "Lenten disciplines"—the Catholic Church calls us each year to renew our discipleship in Christ. Specifically, each year during the liturgical season of Lent the Church asks us to pray, give alms, and fast.

We know the importance of prayer in our lives—as individuals, as families, and as a community. Prayer is especially important during Lent. The Lenten season is a time for reflection, evaluation, and repentance. Lent asks us: "What needs changing?" and calls us to a personal conversion and renewal—to a life in Christ so that we might not just celebrate Easter forty days later but also feel the risen Christ alive in us and in the world. This means prayer. During Lent we set aside time for prayer that is reflective in nature and reveals places where we have failed to open ourselves to God.

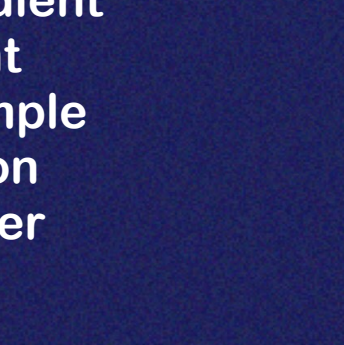
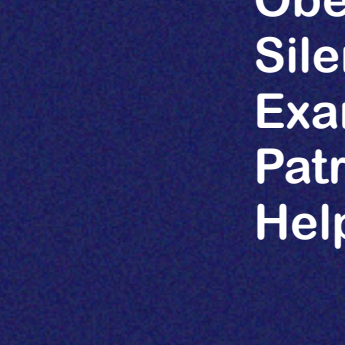
Every day we witness situations of injustice, violence, and hatred. Television and the Internet bring these into our living rooms, but we also observe and live them in our own cities and homes. The Church calls us during Lent to be especially conscious of the needs of others and to act accordingly. Giving to others is an act of Christian charity known as "almsgiving." During Lent, the Church also calls us to convert ourselves and to transform the world for justice, as Jesus lived and preached.

Fasting and abstinence are not sacrifices for the sake of pain or vain discomfort. Sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice is not a Christian virtue. We are asked by the Catholic Church to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and not to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Feeling an empty stomach, or fighting the urge to have that juicy steak or candy bar does more than just remind us that for some people an empty stomach is their daily bread. Fasting and abstinence help us to ask ourselves the question: "What sustains me and gives me life?" We fast and abstain because, when we do, we are reminded of who we are—followers of the risen Christ.

As Catholics, we joyfully engage in Lenten disciplines because we are disciples (and yes, both words have the same root). We pray, give (almsgiving), and sacrifice (fast) because we follow Christ, who loved us so much that gave his own life so that we might share in Eternal Life.

God Bless Phil.

Saint Joseph's Day 2019



St Joseph's Day

Just
Obedient
Silent
Example
Patron
Helper

shine for everyone
Let your light shine
Hope for all of the world
Hope for all of the world

PIC • COLLAGE

Beautiful Mass acknowledging the Patron Saint Joseph who is a worker and a Father role model to us. Also special as our Church is named after Saint Joseph. Father Carlo shared an acronym with characteristics that we can aspire to, like our Patron Saint Joseph showed us. We had wonderful fun beginning with Mass and then being led by our Whanau House Captains through tabloid sports. We finished with some delicious American Hotdogs for our wonderful role models.

Saint Joseph's Day 2019



PIC • COLLAGE

A reminder, for safety of our children, please remain in the carpark until 3pm to enable our children to depart safely. Please drive slowly in the carpark. No child is to leave the gate area unsupervised. Please do not park in the yellow lines for safety.



PLEASE NOTE!! A friendly reminder to all drivers to STOP at the bottom of the hill when leaving our school drive into Eden Terrace. Also turn left only out of Dominion Road as the bus blocks the view. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

March/April/May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 PCS Mass Wk 9	25	26	27	28 EMR dive Henderson Bay Yr 6-8	29 newsletter	30
31 Wk 10	1 Yr 8 imm Duffy Assembly 1.30pm	2 Senior Syndicate Whanau Hui 5.15pm	3	4 PTFA DISCO!! Children's Com- plex	5 assembly	6
7 Wk 11 Weetbix Tri	8	9 EASTER PLAY	10	11	12 End of term Mass newsletter	13
<i>Two week term break</i>						
Wk1	29 First day of term 2	30	1 Chanel Day (wear green)	2	3	4
wk2	6	7	8	9	10 Yr1-4 Tabloid Sports Arnold Rae	11

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".

Whanau, let us always remember to show whanaungatanga at Pompallier. We R.I.S.E (respect, inspire, service, excellence) to be disciples of Jesus. During the time of LENT what can we do to bring ourselves closer to Jesus? How can we make time to strengthen our relationship with God?

Congratulations



FAR NORTH SWIMMING ZONES

Congratulations to our Far North Zones swimmers! They represented themselves and our zone with pride! These students were successful for the next competition being held in Dargaville. If you wish to take your child, please notify the school. (We are still waiting on a date as at final printing of this newsletter).

8 years

Hannah Jackson 2nd Freestyle
Liam Taylor 3rd Breaststroke

9 years

Raidon Reich 1st Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke
Will Wright 2nd Breaststroke

10 years

Michael Smith 3rd Backstroke
Max Richards 2nd Breaststroke

11 years

Koby Hokai 2nd Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke, 3rd Breaststroke
Evan Murray 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke, 2nd Breaststroke

12 years

Quentin Shanks 2nd Breaststroke, 3rd Butterfly

Open Butterfly

Raidon Reich 2nd place
Quentin Shanks 3rd place

Sizzling Summer Photo Competition



Congratulations to all of our entrants for the Sizzling Summer Competition! The captions that went with the photos were absolutely brilliant!! The Special Character Team had great fun co-ordinating this little competition. These are the winners for our 5 categories—all judged by the SCT!! The year 7-8 category was judged by staff members. Its all about fun and boy did we have fun. Watch this space for the next event!

Father Pat Littlewood Award

Mass included awarding the annual “Father Pat Littlewood” family trophy. Congratulations to MacKenzie Knight and Scott Haines, our very worthy recipients. This award is based around students who contribute to the parish and school. Both MacKenzie and Scott use their school values consistently, they regularly attend and take part in Mass and can be relied upon to willingly support those in need of support and encouragement. It was lovely to be able to celebrate them within our school Mass on Sunday. Great to see so many attend too! Thank you.



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