

# POMPALLIER

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER

### MISSION STATEMENT

Pompallier 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

## Special points of interest:

- Father Sean's Birthday Potluck Dinner—25th
- FAMILY MASS Sunday 22nd May
- Marcellin Day 31st May



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

We began our week celebrating Catholic Schools Day, with a focus around our "Mercy" Charism by inviting the nearby Catholic Schools to celebrate with us. See further in the newsletter for photos and comments about our wonderful day. It was such a highlight to see our senior students lead and show awahi to our visitors from Waitaruke throughout the day with their tuakana teina relationships. If you are able to, check out our Pompallier Catholic School Facebook page. There are many photos of our wonderful day.

### FAMILY MASS

We celebrate our Catholic faith together as a school and parish this Sunday 22nd May. It is lovely to have all of our families together for a Mass, so please try your best to come along and support our school and parish. It is lovely to mix and mingle over some shared kai, so bring a plate to share with others.

### HEALTHY EATING

This term we are focussing on healthy eating options with our Project Energise facilitator Garth Hutchinson. You would have seen the food label brochure in the last newsletter. It is quite an eye opener when you read the labels!!! I have had to adjust my own breakfast options as the sugar sure creeps in! We are continuing to encourage our children to have healthy options in their lunch boxes, with lots of water and fruit to supplement them. A healthy body helps a healthy mind. Please remember that juice/energy drinks are not allowed at school, we have a water only policy as part of our partnership with Project Energise. Thank you so much for helping us to help our children and make positive choices for their health!

## WALKWAY

With the help of our "parents/teachers fundraising group" we are looking at developing our walkway into a healthy edible garden, with play areas for our children and other spaces for them to enjoy. If you would like to be part of the "design" team, we would love to hear from you. The students have designed some great areas too, so you have lots of keen helpers. I am currently applying for funding and hope to be able to add to our budget. It is exciting to develop the old walkway, which at present, is quite simply ugly and under utilised.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We recently had our final BOT meeting with our existing Board. On behalf of our students, teachers and you, our whanau and community—I would like to thank our BOT for their leadership, professionalism and dedication to our great little school. I have been blessed to have worked with such a strong team, and thank them for their hard work. Many members are standing down, some of which have completed 9 years of service to our school. Nominations for new board members closes on Friday 20th May. If you like a challenge and want to learn more about the running of a school, I encourage you to put your name forward.

### FATHER SEAN

We are very blessed to be led by Father Sean O'Connor and he will be celebrating his 76th birthday on Wednesday 25th May. All students, teachers and whanau are invited to come along at 5pm to help celebrate our very special parish priest's birthday. I also believe there are a couple of others celebrating during this week too, so come along with a plate to share in a pot luck dinner.

Blessings on your journey

Kathryn Carey (Principal)

Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

## 10 tips for home

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.
2. Set a technology curfew.
3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to **stop** responding to the abuse and then **block** those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should **tell** a trusted adult.
8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. They could contain a computer virus or unsuitable material.
9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by someone they don't know, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Seek advice from the NZ Police.
10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

## 2016 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Please have a chat with Father Sean, Helen Payne, or any member of the staff if you would like your child to be a part of our Parish through:

***Baptism, Communion or Confirmation.***

Reconciliation Lessons began last Friday. Lessons start after school in the church foyer from 3.00pm until 4.00pm. Father Sean, Helen Payne and Joyce Bacica will facilitate this programme. This is the *first step* after Baptism, (before First Holy Communion and Confirmation happens.) This programme is a wonderful way to nurture the growth of your child's faith journey. They love to have as many adults join in the learning with their children as possible, so please come along. I would like to thank Father, Helen and Joyce for the wonderful job they do with this programme.



### WINTER UNIFORM

Please remember that we are now in the winter uniform for terms 2 and 3. The clothing stays the same, with the addition of a warm polo jersey or jacket. The shoes change to a winter option. The shoes can be any brand, but must be plain black, with laces or velcro. Boys wear grey socks with a green stripe and girls wear black socks or stockings.

Congratulations to the following students who have stood out as a "star" in their classroom. They get a certificate and a Duffy book to take home. Keep up the great effort!

## star of the Week

Pukeko	Serenity Wilson and Kingston Hobman-Williams
Piwakawaka	Sharron Tepania and Corban Thorpe
Kea	Riley Jackson and Jaymee Hodgson-Kimber
Tui	Blake Maskell and Charlotte Thorpe
Kakapo	Keanu Kopae and George Chellat
Te Kahu	Kira Watson and Caolan Price

## SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

I was very blessed to attend the annual Conference for Director of Religious Studies in Auckland last week. This year our special guest was Monica Brown, a very special lady whose ministry is to upskill and support teachers in their vocation of teaching in a Catholic school. Her website is <http://www.liturgyritualprayer.com/> and I highly recommend that you check this out.

Monica shared two key messages based on scripture: We are spiritual beings, on a human journey. We tend to live through our head, weighing up all decisions on a rational basis, evaluating and discerning all aspects of life. Instead, to live a spiritual life, is to live through the heart. We need to listen to our innermost desires, and live in a way that we are being true to ourselves. When someone asks you "how are you?" – we automatically respond "Fine thank you" as according to our custom. But if we were to describe ourselves to someone new, without sharing our line of work, family and friends, who are we really? How are we really? Are we being true to ourselves and living in a manner that satisfies the cravings of the heart? Do we ever still ourselves enough to be able to listen to the stirrings of our heart?

Monica shared the gospel story from Mark 5:25 The Healing touch of Jesus where a woman had been haemorrhaging for almost 20 years, and was an outcaste of her society. As a woman, she was considered unclean, and had spent her entire fortune on help from physicians, all to no avail. When Jesus appeared to preach at the temple, she knew this was her one chance for help. The gospel tells us there was a throng of people surrounding Jesus, all pushing and pressing closer to Jesus, yet somehow, somehow, this woman, presumably crawling on her hands and knees, reached Jesus. Simply by touching his cloak, she was healed. This woman lived through her heart, and she was rewarded with full health – the utmost blessing we can receive.

The second key message was that to be loved is to be known, and to be known is to be loved. Jesus knows us all intimately, just as he knew the woman at the well, (John 4). Again, Jesus was associating with woman who were outcastes of his society, but he broke barriers and societal expectations to show love. If we are being true to ourselves, how are we looking after those around us? How are we showing mercy? How are we looking after our world and environment? It all comes back to the basis 'if you're going to live, give'. Everywhere I go, I receive this same message, and it is of the utmost importance to give service. I invite you to journey with me.

Your partner in faith,

Georgie Trewavas

# WELCOME



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

Pukeko: Kevin Vinod  
It is always wonderful to see our school grow with such enthusiastic and confident students! We know that he will love being at PCS!

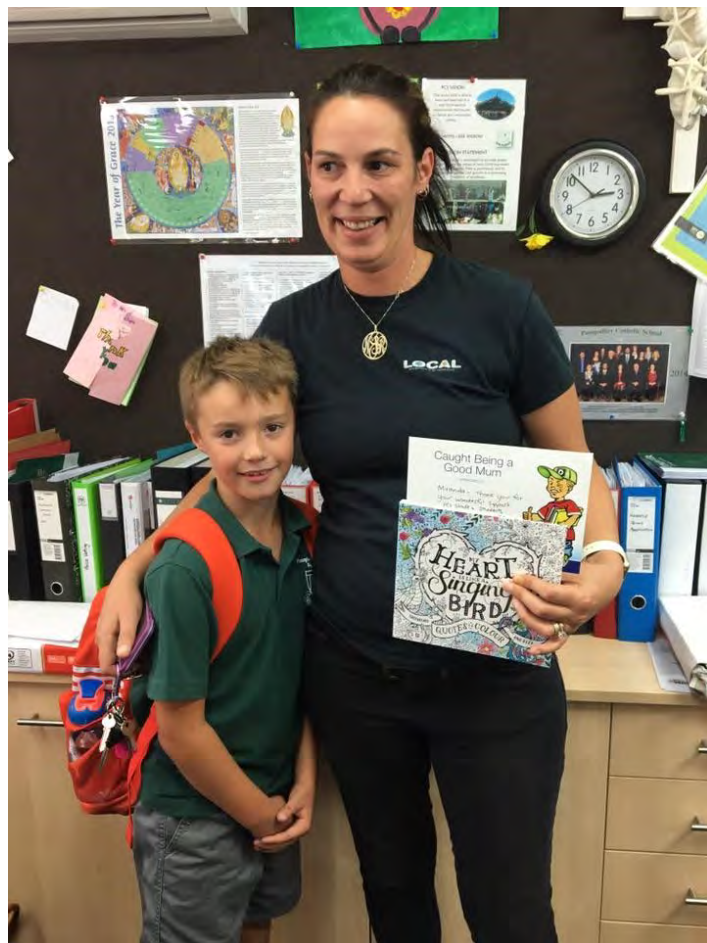
## Principal for the Day!

Due to popular demand, this role is back!!! If you would like to be the Principal for the day, please apply to Mrs Carey in writing. You may wish to include:

- Your name, year level and class
- Why you want to be Principal for the day
- What you would like to do in this role
- Ideas for the school

I am looking forward to receiving lots of wonderful applications!!!!

## Duffy Caught Being Good



It is always so nice to show our thanks to all of the wonderful ladies that support our school. Recently all ladies were nominated in the "Caught being good Duffy Book" awards. Miranda Dickinson was the winner of the adult colouring book and pencils. Thank you Miranda for your support!

On behalf of the school staff and students, we hope that all of the Mum's were spoilt for Mothers Day recently.

We have been a "Duffy" school for many years, and as part of this, all students receive complimentary books to help support their active reading from home. The students choose books to read for their pleasure.

10 WAYS WITH BEANS,  
LEGUMES AND LENTILS

## DELICIOUS DIP!

To make a tasty dip blend 1 can chickpeas with garlic, a squeeze of lemon juice and 1-2 tbsp olive oil to make a delicious dip!



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# SNIPPETS OF SCIENCE AT SCHOOL



Our Science focus for term 2 is PHYSICS.....the children are investigating and experimenting for six weeks and will then follow their "passion" in physics for the final 4 weeks. They are rotating through magnets, electricity, light and mirrors, heat and energy, forces and movement and sound and waves. There is a buzz of excitement every Tuesday and Friday as we engage in physics..... I encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in physics.



# Gala Sponsors

Our gala was a wonderful success due to the great team of helpers we had on the day. Gala's are all about the children and community and I think we certainly achieved that goal. Thank you to each and every one of you that committed time to provide a wonderful event. We would also like to thank our very generous sponsors—see below. I apologise if we have inadvertently missed anyone out, but do know that we are extremely grateful.

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# Catholic Schools Day



A fabulous celebration for 2016! We began with a powhiri, followed by Mass, art and craft with prayer lanterns and finished off with tabloid sports and shared kai. Our guests from Hato Hohepa Waitaruke shared in our fun! Very special to share our "Mercy charism" with others. Our senior students were amazing young leaders too! Ka pai to mahi to our students and teachers!



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. We prefer you to leave via Dominion Road if you are able to. Please leave by exiting onto Dominion Road and leave the hill clear for our pedestrians.

## May/June/July 2016

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk3	16 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY	17	18 Project Energise	19	20 BOT nominations close Yr 3/4 rippa training	21	22 FAMILY MASS
Wk4	23	24	25 Fr Sean's B'Day Potluck Dinner 5pm Kiwi Sport	26	27 Catholic Disciples	28	29
Wk5 JUNE	30	31 Marcellin Day	1 Project Energise	2 Yr 5-8 netball	3	4	5
Wk6	6 QUEENS B'DAY	7	8 Yr 3/4 rippa training Kiwi Sport	9 Yr 1-4 netball	10 New BOT	11	12
Wk7	13	14	15 MATARIKI	16 MATARIKI Mini Football Yr 7/8	17 MATARIKI	18	19
Wk8	20	21	22 Kiwi Sport	23 Yr 3/4 Rippa Tournament	24	25	26
Wk9 JULY	27 3 way conference (half day)	28 Snr writing workshop	29 Project Energise	30	1 Yr 3-6 Mini Soccer Taipa	2	3
Wk10	4	5 Ki-o-rahi	6 Kiwi Sport	7	8	9	10

Its Father Sean's Birthday on Wednesday 25th May! Come along and join us for a potluck dinner at the church at 5.00pm. All whanau welcome!



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, so contact Helen in the office to ensure your correct details are recorded at school.

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