

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:

- Marcellin Day 31st May
- Queens Birthday holiday 6th June
- 3 way conference half day Mon 27th June



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

It has been a lovely time of celebration, recently with our shared meal with Father Sean for his birthday, Family Mass and Marcellin Day. It is so nice to acknowledge others and show our value of "Mercy". By coming together on special days of celebration, we build our partnership together. Partnership between students, school and whanau is vital for educational success.

FAMILY MASS

It was so nice to share Mass together with you, our whanau. The children love to support our faith and we really appreciate you coming along to Mass. The class that had the most attendance this term was Tui, so a special thank you. It is always nice to see our students excited about supporting our school.

SCIENCE

Our rotation through the Physics focus has been extremely successful. Our students are igniting and discovering physics concepts in Electricity, Sound, Force and Motion, Magnetism, Light and Colour and Heat and Energy. The children then get to choose their "passion" to explore, and apply their new learning to activate the idea of "so what next?". These skills are developed through our inquiry learning model "I.D.E.A.S". Ignite, Discover, Explore, Apply, So What Next. The teachers have really enjoyed working with every individual student over the rotation of six weeks. Watch this space for evidence of the great learning that is happening.

REPORTS

The teachers of our year 4 to 8 students are busy

writing reports for individuals in their classroom. It is always a time to reflect on the great progress being made by the students and check in with goals towards meeting the National expectation.

Personal progress is such an important focus in the learning of your child. We are always aiming to meet the national expectation, but learning is not linear and happens at different times, in different ways for all children. As a Catholic school we feel it is vital that children are valued for their input and their uniqueness. It is important to acknowledge the holistic aspects of learning. The thinking skills your child has, how they work with others, do they question, do they listen, can they make connections to their prior experiences and knowledge, do they come up with new ways to use information? We are aiming to ensure that all of the children think about their thinking (meta-cognition). What helps them to learn? What gets in the way? All of these learning behaviours are important when the students are in the classroom.

We are excited to present a new format for our mid year report and look forward to hearing your feedback. Our focus on authentic learning opportunities and celebrating the uniqueness of our students has motivated this change. The junior students that have anniversary reporting due, will also see the change.

BOT

Board of Trustee elections are taking place at present. It is exciting to have such a great range of committed adults ready to take up or continue the challenge of being involved in the school board. A profile from each candidate went home with the students last week, as some candidates were missed from the co-ordinator who is running our school elections. Votes close Friday 3rd June at noon and results will be available Friday 10th June.

Blessings on your journey, Kathryn Carey (Principal)

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 continue each Friday afternoon. 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.



10 WAYS WITH BEANS,
LEGUMES AND LENTILS

BEAN PASTA

Add 1 cup chickpeas to 250g cooked pasta, ½ cup sliced tomatoes and a sprinkle of cheese.

Developed by Sport Waikato 2016



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	Layton Jecentho
Piwakawaka	Will Wright and Lily Wells
Kea	Fynn Dalzell and Taryn Knight
Tui	Kazuya Newman, Johnny Parsons and Scott Haines
Kakapo	Leyton Tracey and Taleigha Hunt
Te Kahu	Milan Carey and Alexa Ujdur

SPECIAL CHARACTER COLUMN

@pontifex

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."

I don't know how many of you are familiar with the social media website, Twitter.

It's a form of microblogging whereby its users have a maximum of 140 characters (not words) to make insightful comment on their view of the world. It's called 'tweeting', I tweet, as do a great many other people in the world.

Like most social media, there are a lot of people saying very little of value and the noise of their inane chatter can be overwhelming at times. However a wise man once said that to reach people, you must first be where they are.

Someone tech savvy must have told Pope Francis this, (more likely he worked it out himself) because he is on this site and the quote at the top is one of his many 'tweets'.

Now I know that being on the interwebs is not everyone's cup of tea, far from it, just ask my Dad, but I guess my point is this.

In a world full of noise and clamour, how is it that we can make the message of Jesus Christ heard?

Firstly, by being where people who need the peace of God are and...

Secondly, by meeting them on their terms and speaking words that have true and lasting meaning.

For me, Pope Francis's words carry that weight and speak volumes

...in 140 characters or less.

Many blessings, Phil

Snippets of Father Sean's Birthday



We had wonderful fun celebrating Father Sean's 76th Birthday. Each student created a card/poem/picture/story to present him. We sang his favourite Spanish song and Happy Birthday. Later that evening we celebrated with a shared pot-luck dinner, and I thank all of those in our community who helped prepare and enjoy his special celebrations. We are so blessed to have Father Sean in our school and Parish.



Shared cake with Bill Pomare who also celebrated a birthday!

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!!!!

Today I was the first "Principal for the day" for 2016. When I first saw it in the news letter I was "bang" straight on the table writing my application.

The things I enjoyed doing as part of my role were; answering the phones and being on duty - it was so awesome. The bright orange vest-suited me right away, and I was handing out gotchas to the children. It was the best. I also helped Mrs Phillips with the newsletter too. So I hope I make more students apply by reading about my great day.

By Maani Marsden.



It was Father Sean's birthday last week. Here are some snippets of the sentences used to describe Father Sean from our writing.

<p><i>Father Sean is a Saint if you ask me!</i> Johnny</p>	<p><i>He teaches us about the Holy Spirit.</i> Evan</p>	<p><i>Father Sean is an incredibly optimistic and wise priest.</i> Scott</p>	<p><i>Father Sean is very organized, he always works hard even if he is tired.</i> Andrew</p>
<p><i>Father Sean is like Jesus because he does what Jesus used to do on earth.</i> Skylah</p>	<p><i>Father Sean you are warm-hearted and your eyes are as blue as the ocean.</i> Nevaeh</p>	<p><i>Father Sean is a very loving man who shows the values and has a great sense of humor.</i> Emma</p>	<p><i>Father Sean is loving and kind. We are really blessed to have you as our priest.</i> Markayla</p>
<p><i>You always show faith because you are always putting others first.</i> Blake m</p>	<p><i>You are very humble and you have helped to make me loving and kind.</i> Ben</p>	<p><i>Father Sean you have a whole school full of friends, you'll never be alone!</i> Tiana</p>	<p><i>He shows aroha because he prays for others in need.</i> Charlotte</p>

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
Wk5 JUNE	30	31 Marcellin Day "Service 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 Snr writing workshop	15 MATARIKI	16 MATARIKI Yr 8 20hr famine	17 MATARIKI Mufti	18	19
Wk8	20	21	22 Kiwi Sport	23 Yr 3/4 Rippa Tournament	24 Yr 7/8 CPR Hikoi	25	26
Wk9 JULY	27 3 way conference (half day)	28	29 Project Energise	30	1 Yr 3-6 Mini Soccer Taipa	2	3
Wk10	4	5 Ki-o-rahi Taipa	6 Kiwi Sport	7	8 Red sock leadership day	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Term break

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.

Whanau let us always remember to show whanaungatanga at Pompallier. Our theme is 'CHANGE' - Tuia te rangi e tu iho nei, Tuia te papa e takoto nei. Join sky above to earth below just as people join together. In the year of Mercy Pope Francis asks us to show Mercy to those around us. Together we can build on the education of your child. How can we help others? What personal "gifts" do we have that can support and show we care?

Yummy Sticker Sheet

We are collecting "Yummy Stickers" for our school to enable us to get some sports and art equipment. Save your stickers and bring them into school—we will have a fun competition for those keen students and put the student that collects the most stickers into a draw to win a prize!! We already have a great collection, so keep up the healthy eating and collecting those stickers. Watch this space!!

Marcellin Day



WELCOME



We would love to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new student and his whanau! Max Tye will be joining us in the wonderful Piwakawaka classroom. It is always wonderful to see our school grow with such enthusiastic and confident students! We know that he will love being at PCS!

We celebrated Marcellin Day on Tuesday 31st May and it was lovely to begin with our whole school Mass. Our Marcellin house group processed into Mass together and our senior students took part in the liturgical roles.

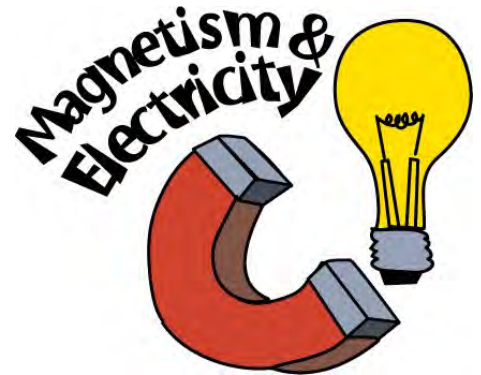
After Mass, every student then showed Mercy by giving back to the school, parish and community with rubbish collection, baking for Hospice, tidying the streets and school. Some students were part of re-shuffling the church pews into order too.

A great day had by all!!! It is so nice to be able to help others

**A SAMPLE OF ACROSTIC SCIENCE POEMS
FROM KAKAPO CLASS
W.A.L.T. Understand Force Movement & Electricity
through Scientific Experiments.**

Static electricity can be caused by rubbing balloons to wool or hair even other balloons. Balloons can be led by other balloons because of the static energy flowing in the air between them.
Conductors are items that will allow energy to flow through them so the electricity can continue. Conductors are one of a pair the other is called an.
Insulator. It is an item like wood or plastic. Unlike conductors, insulators will stop the progress of the electricity causing a blockage.
Experiments are mainly what science is all about. When you do science you are always doing an experiment.
Noisy. Science is always noisy whether it be sand volcanoes or marble races. Science is never quiet, you can always be sure there is noise.
Co-operation is vita when doing science. To do science you need help so team work is great when doing science, it allows you to get more done and figure out more ideas.
Enjoyment always happens in science. You don't even have to try and you have fun. Enjoying yourself is mainly what makes people love science.
By Nathan Haines.

Science is my favourite subject at school.
Challenging tasks that make you use your brain to complete them.
In Te Kahu we did static energy with balloons and batteries.
Experiments are fun to do in teams so each can learn from each other.
Nobody complains about the experiments because all the experiments were fun.
Cool stuff happens when we work in a team.
Electricity is a big thing in science.
By Tyla Johnson.



Starting in Kakapo our first experiment was a rocket balloon. It was fun and challenging.
Conductors let energy go through wires and insulators cut the energy off.
I enjoy science because you get to choose your experiment and test it out.
Experiments are fun because you can see what happens.
Now we write the results of the experiments and see if our predications were right.
Creating in science is when you create an experiment with special equipment.
Electricity can make a light bulb go and can power most objects around us.
By Leyton

*Sometimes in science we can be successful and sometimes we are unsuccessful.
Creating obstacles can be fun but you need to use teamwork to finish it.
Imagination is really helpful for science because you can imagine what your going to do.
Experiments are a very important thing in science it makes you interested when you do it.
New experiments help the brain grow so when we are older we can remember the things we have done.
Connections are really fun with science it's just like light bulbs they connect wires.
Electricity is like connection but there's different ways to do it and there's mostly energy. By Ayushi*

Static electricity is also some kind of attraction. If you rub a balloon on wool it will attract hair.
Confusing things happen when you put metal on a battery and connect a light bulb to it.
When you don't follow instruction bad things could happen.
In science you use teamwork and hard work. Also you use electricity.
Every time you use chemistry something dangerous might happen.
Never use a fork with electricity or you could get a shock.
Can't is never a word in science it's always can and can.
Electricity is fun but sound is better. There is a little particle called atoms. It is used a lot in science.
By Wikitoria.

Some balloons don't take off if you put something in it before blowing it up. This means it does not float in the air.
Confusing things can happen if you don't follow things in order and that means you might fail.
In science you need to be ready if something happens.
Empty research is hopeless to a science experience.
Now you look at your results and if you missed something out.
Concentration is one of the main things for science, so you will get experiments done faster.
Experiments are really fun because you get to see what happens.
By Cohen.



Students were successful with their rocket balloon experiment.

Creating stuff is great but you have to take it slowly.

In Te Kahu it was fun I learnt a game called brain box.

Experiments were so fun in our classroom we had to use: string, balloon, straw and cellotape.

Not all the brain boxes pieces were easy to use because sometimes the instructions were hard to read..

Cool stuff happens if you read the instruction slowly and think about what you are doing.;

Experiments are fun to do if you work as a team.

By Caisha

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